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Donald Clark Email of 16 February 2016

The monies spend on safety measures on the A83 at The Rest and be Thankful do lessen and mitigate the effects of landslides over the last 9 years and is greatly appreciated by all in Argyll but these measures only partially protect the route but do not solve the severe problems of regular landslides leading to regular road closures, long delays in opening the emergency route which is constantly closed at night due to safety concerns.

I would plead that steps be taken to evaluate and cost the various schemes proposed to fully protect and ensure the route remains open 24/7. All the main closures have occurred within a 400m stretch and this could and should be protected by either a simple emergency 4m wide flow over canopy or digging large sumps and culverts under the A83 on these 3 problem gullies thus avoiding the potentially fatal accident on 30th December. A simple strong design is affordable and will save the vast expense of clearing and repairing the hillside netting and the ongoing cost of manning and operating the diversion route. This is Argyll's M8 and is vital to the already fragile economy of our county.

I wish you well in your deliberations.

Donald Clark