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This letter appeared in the Scotsman ( <http://tinyurl.com/pvypvc7> ) in the last few days (30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013)

In his letter Allan Alstead, a long time critic of the project and particularly the political aspects of it, highlights an interesting facet of the scandal, that over £400M was blown away on the tram before the Scottish Government seemed to wake from a slumber so deep that they alone seemed to be unaware of the clamour already long broken over the monumental waste and chronic ineptitude.

After reading the letter perhaps we need TWO public inquiries, one to establish exactly how the project came to burn away £1.1 Billion (and counting) on building half a line, and the second to find out why everybody at the Bank of Holyrood remained asleep at the till so soundly and untroubled, for so long.

*Is First Minister Alex Salmond afraid of a public inquiry on Edinburgh trams? The SNP seems to be carefully having only "good news" before the referendum.*

*Is this why it is trying to forget the Edinburgh Trams disaster?*

*Alex Salmond said that he will only consider a public inquiry once the project is complete.*

*Well, we all know that the work is nearly finished, so the Scottish Government should be making arrangements for an inquiry right now, and before all those responsible can resign or retire and pretend they were not responsible.*

*The public deserves to know how such a huge amount of public money has been wasted and so recklessly spent.*

*Alex Salmond may try to claim that his party wanted to stop the tram project, however, it appears that he then allowed Transport Scotland to hand out millions of pounds when the work for this payment had not been completed.*

*How could this happen – unless there was some political direction?*

*And Audit Scotland also bears responsibility for failing to pick up on this wanton waste of public money.*

*We cannot wait for a public inquiry- we need it now.*