

[REDACTED]

---

**From:** Carmel Geoghegan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday 6 February 2019 08:07  
**To:** rses  
**Subject:** western corridor reopening

To whom it concerns,

As an advocate for highlighting social and rural isolation, building awareness of dementia, I strongly welcome and support Objectives 115 (a) and 115 (b) of the draft RSES Report which refer specifically to the re-opening of the Western Rail Corridor from Claremorris to Athenry and northwards from Claremorris to Sligo.

I believe the redevelopment of this infrastructure to be vital for the future of the West of Ireland both from an economic, social and environmental perspective.

It would open up the whole western corridor from a tourism perspective, our transport system is not up to European standard and rural transport is very poor.

It would take traffic off the roads giving those commuting for work or students more viable options.

Given our ageing population and the location of the Health Centre of Excellence in Galway, it is particularly vital that we have the infrastructure in place to protect the local population and afford those living with illnesses and disabilities a quality of life.

Kind regards

Carmel Geoghegan  
Business owner and community activist.

[REDACTED]