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Submission in relation to public consultation on the draft **Territorial Just Transition Plan for Ireland**

I have been a member of Longford County Council for almost 20 years. I worked in Bord Na Mona for 47 years which gives me an understanding of the void left when the production of peat for power generation by the Esb at Lanesborough has ceased despite an understanding that the operation was scheduled to run until 2027

Bord Na Mona and the Esb have the major employers in south Longford , training all its own craftspeople and staff .This has left a huge economic and social deficit

What is not required is real input through Just Transition in the provision of opportunities for employment ,Fully serviced business parks in Lanesborough and Ballymahon for example and Incentives to attract Business

Assist communities to develop renewable energy projects on cutaway bogs.

Regards

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