

Dear Just Transition Fund,

I submit that a grant scheme should be made available to householders in the counties directly affected by the cessation of peat harvesting for the generation of electricity and fuel. My own county, Offaly is bearing the brunt of the country's decarbonisation transition and if we truly are to deliver a Just Transition, I believe it is imperative that we provide an immediate affordable grant scheme for wood pellet boilers to householders who have traditionally burned turf and peat briquettes. The benefits of wood pellet boilers is that the heating systems that traditionally burned peat can easily switch to a wood pellet boiler and will mean that as we head into the autumn/winter months this year householders can be protected from the decarbonisation transition without huge upheaval and cost. Wood pellets are a renewable source of fuel and we have a number of indigenous producers who would also benefit from this initiative.

It is vital that the Just Transition Fund is targeted at the counties that are genuinely impacted by decarbonisation.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Neil

Councillor Neil Feighery

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