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To: CARBON BUDGET CONSULTATION
Subject: Consultation on Carbon Budgets

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Dear Minister Ryan and the Government,

Ireland's carbon budgets need to be more ambitious and in line with our obligations under the Paris Agreement.

I support these points made by Climate Case Ireland and ask that you take them into consideration.

1. Respect climate justice!
The UN says emissions reductions of 7.6% are needed on global average each year until 2030 for a chance of staying below 1.5C- and that assumes achieving massive "negative emissions" later.
Your Government promised 7% in the Programme for Government.
The Climate Change Advisory Council (CCAC) has proposed less than 6% 7% = Budget of 468 MtCO_{2e} to 2030 (-27 compared to (CAC proposals) 7.6% = 454 MtCO_{2e} (-41) Even these are much too large. To do our fair share and comply with the Climate Act we need MUCH SMALLER budgets! Excluding speculative negative emissions, our fair share of the global budget for 1.5C is set to be used up 3 years from now!

2. No accounting tricks!
Carbon budgets should count emissions and removals in the relevant 5-year period. The Government must rule out accounting tricks like borrowing speculative future removals to balance the books (on paper) today!

Regards,
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