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We need to aim high when it comes to carbon reduction

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The evidence is crystal clear that our planet is warming at a dangerous rate and the latest UN intergovernmental panel report on climate change was described by the UN Secretary General as a "code red for humanity". As Ireland sets its first 5-year carbon budget, we need to take decisive action and set ambitious targets. The targets currently proposed do not match up to UN standards and may well fall short of the commitments made in the Programme for Government.

We need to set honest targets without window-dressing or procrastination as has too often the case in this country. We also need an information campaign with clear communication from the government about why these targets and reductions in carbon are so vitally important, so as to get public buy-in for the changes we will have to make. We need to take the long-term view on this and we have to start urgently. We also need to really make sure that the measures we take are fair and that we help developing countries who have unjustly been most affected by the unsustainably high level of emissions historically from Ireland and other developed nations. Ireland may so far have been spared the worst effects of climate change due to our location at the edge of the Atlantic, but this is unlikely to remain the case if we do not succeed in limiting warming to 1.5 degrees. Our actions now are critical.

I urge the government to show leadership and to decisively set the ambitious targets we need to ensure a future safe from irreversible climate chaos. I very much hope this will happen.

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