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CONSULTATION on CARBON BUDGETS

Dear Minister

The creation and implementation of National law is extremely important for our National population. It is naturally essential that it is based on true facts and where necessary proven up to date science to ensure it delivers fairly across our Nation

We felt it essential that we submit our clear science-based views to you having heard the U. N. deputy general (Sembay) state on RTE last week end that we have "A planet on fire" and "Have picked a fight with nature "and we must find a way to" lower the cost". We presume that this inflammatory statement came from the U.N. side shoot the IPCC Which it is agreed exaggerates the main issues

At the same time on BBC, they were offering Pensioners and poor people, the choice of "Heat or Eat " they can have either food or energy to heat their house but not both due to the climate fueled cost of energy. Has the world gone mad? Are we in Ireland going to subject ourselves to this nonsense. It looks to us that our government is certainly considering this type of action having stated that "The Carbon tax increase will take place." The targeted take from Carbon Tax this year being 1.1 Billion euro.

To subject our citizens and especially our top quality food producers (who have been targeted for the blame of what is being called the " Climate Crises ") to massive cost increases due to climate actions that will deliver nothing for them is unacceptable. The basic facts must be fully examined and understood by the government civil servants and their influencers and not ignored as seems to be the case up to today. We note that the Dail declared " A climate emergency" on the 9th may 2020 with only 6 members present!! Did any of them know what it meant?

May we raise a number of questions on the science of the basic issues

1) Is there a climate Crises?

We all agree that we must continually reduce the use of fossil fuels as there is only a finite supply. It would appear that large industries and transport - the big users of fossil fuels used their influence with governments(who can gain on a carbon taxes) and IPCC to create money-making propaganda blaming the essential low-income quality food producers, who will not have the funds to disagree, for creating a carbon crisis on which most genuine climate scientists say there is " No Crises "

2) How are the Emissions measured?

It is essential that everyone knows how and with what accuracy are measurements being made and into which category these gases are being monitored. The information on the type of gas is essential. Most of our citizens and those out marching the streets have not got a clue on this issue

3) Predicted Catastrophes

These appear very often. On examining the news since 1967 there have been well over 50 scientifically predicted catastrophes none of which happened. These included an ice age in about 2012 and that the Maldives would be underwater by 2002. Why should we believe in this one.?. Is it because money can be made from it?

4) Green House Gasses GHG

It appears that gasses emitted by nature are being converted into Carbon Dioxide equivalent CO2. The most important of these as far as we are concerned is Methane of which there are 2 types Industrial Methane and Biogenic Methane produced by ruminants. The IPCC treat both the same and multiply the total by 28 to make it

equivalent to CO2 . This is wrong and is where misinformation starts and hits Ireland probably the hardest of any country in the world

The government's present plan for the climate although well-intentioned due to lack of knowledge can only lead to total disaster for Ireland and her economy as it is based on wrong information. The estimate of money required until 2030 of 200billion euro or fifty thousand per household spent for what.? It is estimated it may reduce temperature by a few thousandths of a degree —Useless Especially when we see that:-

- 1) China and India who together are responsible for 53% of the world GHG emissions state that they will continue doing what they like (opening new coal mines using fossil fuel where ever possible etc) and this is accepted
- 2) IPCC staff and reviews admit that the climate models were chosen from thousands to overestimate global warming due to GHG emissions (AR5 and AR6) Roger Pielke (Colorado)
 - 3) Considering scientific work and the views of scientists such as

Prof W Harper (Princetown)

Prof W.Van Wijugaarden (York)

Prof Tom Shehan

Prof Frank Mitloehner (Davis California)

Prof Ray Bates

and many others that show that biogenic Methane (methane from ruminants) is different and should be treated differently to "methane." It does not act like a Green House Gas and so should not be considered as such

If the Irish government and lawmakers would recognize today's science concerning biogenic methane it would mean that Irelands Agricultural GHG emissions would fall by over 60% and our overall GHG by over 20% which would greatly reduce our 5 year Carbon Budgets and make them manageable

4) More Research is essential

Funds should be pumped into \methods of storing energy, essential for the future reduction in the use of fossil fuels

A full costing must be done on the cost of any climate measures taken both on the industry concerned and our national economy Fooling around in the dark is not acceptable. The effects on our Exports and our society must be fully considered.

Funds are badly needed in farm and forestry management mitigation measures said to reduce emissions some work is being done by Teagasc and some of our EIP groups on this. It is interesting to note that only last week a Teagasc researcher stated that "Grassland sequestration was underestimated by about 100%" This is good news for Ireland and the livestock industry What about our farm hedges and trees?

Farmers must not be forced or even encouraged into installing mitigation measures at a cost, that don't work under the individual farm conditions and then get blamed for it .research must determine this

Research on the different GHG measuring systems and which is right for what purpose Every farmer must know how his GHG emissions are determined

Research is needed to determine the fair compensation rates for each measure under different conditions that reduce farm income

Research is needed to show the effect of changes in land use both on income, employment, cost and change in society

Research is needed to learn more about the life atom "Carbon". It is needed to produce more food which is needed for the world's increasing population. Today we are using carbon Dioxide in greenhouses to increase the growth of vegetables. It is more Carbon the world needs not less to produce more food, or can we use it better?

Research is needed to determine the full effect of any measures introduced on behalf of climate on land and forest on rural Ireland and its survival This includes increases in transport and electricity costs

Research is needed to determine the increase in food production costs so that it can be realized thus allowing food production to continue and survive

5) Questionable Actions

How can our Government and the EU justify reducing the production of Ireland's Internationally known Ruminant-based high-quality food with the lowest Carbon footprint in the EU and one of the lowest in the world and replace it with food imports with a very much higher carbon footprint or stopping our exports to Asia replacing food with 3 times the carbon footprint? Remember also that 10% of the increasing population is said to be starving! In order to help the climate Ireland should be encouraged to increase the production of livestock

How can we justify pushing the change to electric cars when about 5,000 tonnes of earth has to be moved to get enough lithium to make a car battery which only holds enough energy for a few hundred kilometers before

having to be recharged with electricity made from fossil fuels and then the battery only lasts 10 to 12 years and then we hear it is going to be hard to dispose of

. We should wait for technology to greatly increase energy storage and capacity and increase the efficiency of manufacturing renewable energy. We are jumping ahead of technology at a very high price

How can we even consider spending 200 billion euro for a possible reduction of a few thousandths of a degree in global temperature while China and India keep increasing it at an alarming rate? They really must be laughing at us fools!

How can our government and the EU force farmers to reduce food production of the lowest carbon footprint quality food in the name of the climate when over 10% of the world's increasing population is suffering from starvation?

6) The Future for us

The world has developed over many million years by letting nature and recently the human population take time to adjust and create technology that allows us to live in the "climate cycle" which will not change whatever the UN deputy general secretary may say Thousands of catastrophes have arisen showing how man can be destroyed over that time but due to time and nature they have not happened

Today we must allow ourselves time to do the same. This means to create the technology to do without fossil fuels before they run out is probably This is probably the main issue

This is happening with the development of renewable energy from the movement of water, tides, air, and sunlight through solar panels. Then there is consideration for new nuclear plants and more recently the Molten Salt reactor (Rory O'Sullivan) but we have to give it funding and time to develop the technology suitable for us to install

In the meantime, we must not lose our heads to allow a few corporations and governments to make large sums of money while the rest of the world suffers in some cases to the extreme through lack of food or heating. In Ireland's case we must stay steady, keep fully up to date with the most recent science and act on it if it proves to be advantageous and don't listen to or act on propaganda. Put our money into health, housing, employment and research. Keep our population healthy, occupied and enthusiastic to follow proven science into a good future

We look forward to your views on our science-backed way for the future under today's climate Signed for our group of worried farmers for the future



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