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Dear Minister Ryan and the Government,

Too much of our manufacturing has left our shores, to ensure we become more a sustainability and security for jobs and material supplies we need a plan to bring more manufacturing and employment back home and keep it here. China emits more greenhouse gas than the entire developed world combined, but if China has become the factory of the world how much of are these emissions being produced for products we are consuming here, not to mention the transport emissions to get them here as well?

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-57018837>

How can carbon budgets help us Embrace a sustainable green economy, community owned renewables and the circular economy?

We could become a leader in home grown timber building especially if we had a strategic plan between forestry and the creation of a CLT plant to produce affordable, sustainable netZERO new builds, retrofits and extentions. How can carbon budgets be designed to help kick start this green economy we so badly need?

How can carbon budgets prevent harmful false solutions like the fossil fuel industries strategy to create huge amounts of SUP from fracked gas to be burnt in waste to heat plants or to be used as a eco additive in the production of 'green' concrete?

I would agree with many of the points laid out by Senator Higgins

<https://www.alicemaryhiggins.ie/news/post/public-consultation-on-carbon-budgets-closing-8th-february>

#### 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<sub>2</sub>e to 2030 (-27 compared to (CAC proposals)

7.6% = 454 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e (-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!

We are running out of time, we must do everything we can to ensure faster and fairer climate action that work for the majority of people in Ireland. Continued pandering to the interests of a select privileged and powerful few will only result in further inaction and failed solutions. We must have the courage to be ambitious. Failure to get this right will have devastating implications within our life-time, how long do you think the people of Ireland will tolerate continued implementation of flawed and failed policy approach of outsourcing, privatisation and financialisation.

Yours sincerely

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