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Dear Minister Ryan and your Staff,

I'm conscious this is the final date for input.

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.

However, recent history leaves me nothing other than resigned that you will treat this as you have other issues and do only enough for headlines and to stay in position.

I look forward to the Irish government, with the Green Party in coalition, *actually* responding to the Climate emergency as an emergency.

Yours sincerely,
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