

Dear Minister Ryan and the Government,

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 average annual reductions of 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 CCAC 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!