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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 7% in the Programme for Government.

The Climate Change Advisory Council (CCAC) has proposed less than 6%

7% = Budget of 468 MtCO<sub>2e</sub> to 2030 (-27 compared to (CAC proposals)

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

Dr Michael E Mann and others emphasise the need to reduce emissions with the maximum of expediency.

Gas, he describes as a "bridge to nowhere".

Ireland has the footprint of 350 million of the world's poorest people, we must do our bit.

Negative emissions technologies are wishful thinking and may never be able to work to the scale needed.

Monocrop plantation of so-called forest is a net contributor to climate change and the agriculture sector cannot be allowed to hide behind it.

Regards.

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