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Dear Minister, and to whom it concerns,

I fully support the need for Ireland enabled by its government to take action quickly to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

1. I am concerned that already early in the journey the most likely scenario is 'core' scenario. Ref fig 2.5. **I urge the government to find ways to urgently tackle the legislation for planning and licensing for offshore wind – and find ways to accelerate grid upgrades.** Please find a way to bring us closer to an early action profile, as the core scenario once again looks like 'jam tomorrow'.
2. If previous ambitious climate actions plans are reviewed, it is not their lack of ambition which has been at fault – but the focus on implementation and enabling action and implementation. **Bias for action – great implementation has to be at the heart of the next 10 years +**
3. I also urge the government to lead on including aviation and shipping in these calculations to reduce emissions – the earlier we take action to shallower the slope of action.
4. **Holistic and joined up thinking – in terms of agriculture an ambitious & holistic –** just approach must be developed. In encouraging farmers to enhance biodiversity, reduce emissions, become organic – we must ensure the markets for such products are there. At the moment organic farmers often find it difficult to sell organic crops – the market isn't yet there – supports or some way to communicate to consumers to develop the markets etc.. must. (There must be learning from what has happened previously e.g. Miscanthus in the early '00's when farmers investing in biomass miscanthus lost a lot of money as the market did not develop – despite it being viable in Denmark, Austria, Germany etc.. – where there's a will there's a way)
5. **Communication – transparency** – there must be significant effort and resources to support this national transformation - Public support is essential and achieved by setting up community support groups to advise on local situations and local supports, financial and educational with a clear communication channel back to the government to allow speedy reactions to problems and issues as they crop up.
6. Finally a sense of urgency please!!!! – why is it taking so long to set the climate budgets – are these timelines we see in business??

There are so many local groups willing and able to support this transformation - lets all work together to make Ireland's ambition a reality.

Yours sincerely,