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Dear Minister Ryan,

As a member of the public, I wish to express my utter horror and fear at the prospect of 'widespread, rapid and intensifying' environmental destruction. I am frustrated because I feel that crisis is not being treated as a critical emergency. I believe the proposed carbon targets are not ambitious enough and do not match the promises in the Programme for Government.

More urgent and more ambitious targets than those proposed are required to address this crisis. For example, emergency measures such as publishing a roadmap for ending subsidies on fossil fuels sooner, or ending Ireland's derogation from the nitrates directive could be implemented. Targets should also be unambiguous, clear and factual, and 'accounting tricks' such as forward-counting of emission reductions, should be eliminated. By acting sooner with more ambition, we can avoid the risks of unseen pressures that may occur in the future. As a voter I would support faster action wholeheartedly.

I believe many others would accept ambitious targets, and would be willing to transition quickly to a low carbon economy. This however, would require people to be properly informed. A widespread 'full-on' public awareness and education campaign should be launched to garner support for more urgent and ambitious action. Included in this information campaign, it should also be made clear that under our climate laws, the carbon budgets should be consistent with the Paris Agreement and that Ireland needs to take our fair share of the responsibility for carbon emissions.

I am more than willing to do what I can within my means. I believe that others, with the required support, want to make the changes needed. Money and support should be made readily available to enable us to do this. By acting fast, we can avail of the suspension of the EU fiscal rules.

Thank you for all you have achieved so far. Please treat this crisis with the urgency it requires. People want it. The voters will thank you at the polls.

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