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To whom it may concern,

I would like to raise the following points regarding the proposed program of carbon budgets:

1. Respect climate justice! Ireland *must* do its fair share.

The UN says emissions reductions of 7.6% are needed as a global average per year until 2030 for any chance of staying below 1.5 degrees increase - even that figure assumes achieving massive "negative emissions" later. Your government promised annual reductions of 7% in the programme for government. The Climate Change Advisory Council has proposed less than 6%!

7%= Budget of 486MtCo2 to 2030 (-27 compared to CCAC proposals).

7.6%= Budget of 454MtCo2 to 2030 (-41 compared to CCAC).

Even these would be too high! To do our fair share as a high income, high-emissions country and to comply with the Climate Act, we need to instate **SMALLER** budgets! Excluding negative emissions which are speculative, our fair share of the global carbon budget for **1.5 degrees** is set to be used up 3 years from now!

2. No accounting tricks

Carbon budgets should count emissions and removals from the relevant 5 year period. The government must rule out accounting tricks like borrowing speculative future removals to 'balance the books' (in theory).

3. Omission of 'factory farming' of animals

I am appalled to see that the government has chosen to ignore all emissions related to factory farming. This element of agriculture is disgustingly cruel, unnecessary, and is responsible for a huge percentage of Ireland's carbon emissions. Why on Earth is this being excluded from the budget? This must be addressed.