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To: CARBON BUDGET CONSULTATION
Subject: Consultation on Carbon Budgets

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Hi,

I would like to submit my thoughts on the proposed carbon budgets.

- To be consistent with the “average 7% per annum reduction” commitment in the Programme for Government. the proposed carbon budgets of 495 MtCO₂eq budgets should be reduced at least 27 MtCO₂eq to a total of 468 MtCO₂eq
- To be consistent with the UNEP “average per annum reduction of 7.6%” the proposed carbon budgets of 495 MtCO₂eq budgets should be reduced by about 41 MtCO₂eq – to a total of 454 MtCO₂eq
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- However, even reducing the budgets by these amounts would fall short of climate justice and represent less than our ‘fair share’ internationally.
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- It is essential that the MtCO₂eq amount in each Carbon Budget relates only to emissions and removals measurable within the time period of that budget. Any emission reduction or removals which may occur after that time period must not be included when calculating or assessing achievement of that carbon budget.

The Carbon Budgets as currently proposed are extremely ‘backloaded’ with far more emphasis on emission reduction in the 2nd carbon budget 2025-2030 budget than on emission reductions in the current budget.

- Witnesses to the Climate Action Committee were very clear that the current draft carbon budgets would use more than our fair share of the global carbon budget and do not reflect the principle of equity or common but differentiated responsibilities.
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- The Minister should revise/reduce the proposed Carbon Budgets, to make them more ‘consistent’ with Articles 2 and 4(1) of the Paris Agreement, including ‘equity’ and “common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities”.
- The Minister should also strengthen the consideration and weighting given to climate justice when finalising the proposed Carbon Budgets
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- More emphasis, analysis & policy tools, including those used by UNEP, should be applied by CCAC and the Minister to assess Ireland’s “fair share” of emission reductions under Paris and our responsibilities in terms of climate justice.
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- The 2030-2035 Carbon Budget must deliver on climate justice and be consistent with Paris principles of equity, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities. A review of the 2026 – 2030 carbon budget should also be scheduled to address these issues
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- As the first budget is very likely to fall short on climate justice and fair share, it should be accompanied by other measures like new, additional, climate funding.

Overall I believe the budgets are not ambitious enough, don't make us pull our weight as a wealthy country and backlog far too much of the reductions to 2025-2030. We need action now. It is not fair to just kick the can down the road and put the heavy lifting on whatever government we get after the next election.

Kind regards,

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