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Hi,

I have the following observations to submit on Carbon Budgets:

1. At the Daireachtas Climate Change Committee meeting a number of expert contributors emphasised the need for Ireland to show greater ambition in its emission reduction targets by 2030. The possible change in commitment from a 7% reduction to 5.7% is very concerning as it seems like one Ireland may end up regretting if we are penalised for missing our targets in 2030. As a developed country with the means to be very ambitious in its emissions reductions Ireland should be looking to go beyond the minimum level of reduction required by our international commitments.
2. The Carbon Budget process needs to be robust enough to withstand attempts from self-interested stakeholders to water down each budget or to shift reductions away from their area of interest.
3. One way to make it easier to resist political pressure around emissions reductions is to ensure that the principles of a Just Transition are central to the process. If there are obvious examples of people whose lives or livelihoods are adversely impacted by emissions reductions this will increase political opposition to what will already be a process fraught with difficulty.

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Kind regards,