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To: CARBON BUDGET CONSULTATION
Subject: Carbon budget consultation - action required

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Dear Minister Ryan and the climate division,
Please see below my input on the proposed carbon budgets.

1. Now is not the time for small or conservative steps. Anything less than monumental system change will be a travesty for my and all future generations.

The UN says emissions reductions of 7.6% are needed on a global average each year until 2030 for a chance of staying below 1.5C - and that assumes achieving massive "negative emissions" later.

Your government promised average annual reductions of 7% in the programme for government.

The Climate Change Advisory Council (CCAC) has proposed less than 6%.

A 7% reduction equals a budget of 468 MtCO_{2e} until 2030 (-27 compared to CCAC proposals).

A 7.6% reduction equals 454 MtCO_{2e} (-41 compared to CCAC proposals).

Even these are much too large. To do our fair share and comply with the Climate Act we need much, much smaller budgets.

Excluding speculative negative emissions, our fair share of the global budget for 1.5C is set to be used up just 3 years from now.

This is simply not good enough for your constituents, for your nation or for the entire world population.

2. There is no space or time whatsoever for cynical or sly accounting tactics.

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

We do not have a good track record in upholding our duty to protect the environment in this country. Now is the time to take the necessary steps.

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