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Dear Minister Ryan and the Government,

1. Respect climate justice!

The UN says emissions reductions of 7.6% are needed on 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 7% in the Programme for Government.

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

7% = Budget of 468 MtCO₂e to 2030 (-27 compared to (CAC proposals)

7.6% = 454 MtCO₂e (-41)

Even these are much too large. To do our fair share and comply with the Climate Act we need MUCH SMALLER budgets! Excluding speculative negative emissions, our fair share of the global budget for 1,5C is set to be used up 3 years from now!

2. No accounting tricks!

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!

3. This is not a matter of choice. All the indications are that the climate crisis is accelerating, widening and deepening as evidenced by the last and newest IPCC reports. Every member of the political and administrative establishment in this country has children, relatives or and grandparents who, even if those politicians are not affected themselves, will endure massive hardship, resource wars and early death from the snowballing effect of massive climate destruction in the coming decades. The promises made at the Paris 2015 conference, which are even now largely unimplemented, were, even if fully implemented not sufficient to halt climate change or reach net zero by 2050. Our government is demonstrably dragging its heels on setting up the regulatory system needed to allow the development on offshore wind energy projects. We will not have enough renewable energy in place by 2030 to meet the new demands for energy thrown up by the development on the existing 70 and planned 40 more data banks planned to be operating by 2030. Our government is on a collision course with the need for effective climate crisis action. Plans are being implemented to set up seven new gas powered power stations by 2030. By my calculation this will put about another 50% on our national carbon footprint, though I stand to be corrected on the actual figure. Some of this new gas supply will be from fracking which makes matters worse.