

# Offshore Grid Delivery Model Option Consultation - Alannah Caffrey

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**Dear Energy Division**

**I wish to let it be known that I disagree that Ireland needs offshore wind and therefore disagree with the need to develop a grid development policy.**

**Life cycle assessments of wind turbines show very little climate-change benefits. Clean air for Ireland means filthy air, water and soil for the communities that live around mines and manufacturing sites all over the world. This is unjust. Ireland is only following what industry wants, to make profit.**

**Ireland is already over-producing wind energy and there is no way to store it. 3.5GW seems like a lot of energy. Why more? 30% of our energy needs are electric. That leaves a majority of 70% of our energy needs coming from fossil fuels. Maybe change here is required instead.**

**Marine life will be adversely affected by the installation of wind turbines. This has knock on effects as marine life is under threat already.**

**Yours sincerely**