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I would like to make the following submission to this policy consultation:

Interconnectors have an important role to play in not only removing fossil fuels from our own grid, but removing fossil fuels from other European grids.

I propose that interconnectors be evaluated on their potential carbon impact, and choices of which interconnector investments to make should be clearly based on climate criteria such as:

- to what degree with the interconnector cause fossil fuels to be removed from other European grids, due to supply of Irish renewables ?
- to what degree will the interconnector enable Ireland to import low-carbon-density electricity at times of low wind or high demand on the Irish grid, displacing fossil fuel use in Ireland?
- to what degree will the interconnector (or hybrid interconnector) contribute to catalysing development of offshore renewables?

In terms of regulatory treatment, regulated approaches have the advantage of greater economic efficiency, improve the ownership of infrastructure by the Irish people, and reduce the leverage and future bargaining power of the investor over highly strategic interconnector infrastructure.

Best wishes

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