



25th September 2012

Dear Taoiseach,

(CC: members of the Cabinet Committee on Climate Change and the Green Economy)

RE: Request for a meeting ahead of publication of heads of climate Bill

As CEOs of member organisations of the Stop Climate Chaos coalition, we are writing to you to seek a meeting with the Cabinet Committee on Climate Change and the Green Economy ahead of the publication of the heads of the climate Bill later this year.

The Government has committed to passing a Climate Law in the Programme for Government and Minister for Environment, Phil Hogan T.D. has told the Dáil that he will publish climate legislation in 2012. In January, Minister Hogan published the Roadmap for Climate Policy and Legislation - this commits to sending heads of a climate Bill to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht in the fourth quarter of this year.

We want to see a strong Climate Law enacted to ensure Ireland does its fair share and reaches its targets. The law must be strong enough to ensure it is a vital part of building a sustainable and smart Irish economy. The climate Bill should:

- contain legally binding emission reduction targets for 2050 and 2020 and interim targets in the form of 5-year Carbon Budgets adopted by the Dáil;
- ensure that these targets will be met domestically without buying offset credits overseas;
- establish an independent climate change commission that advises government and has the power to publish its own reports.

We would like an opportunity to meet with the Cabinet Committee on Climate Change and the Green Economy at a time that is convenient ahead of the publication of the heads of Bill.

Yours sincerely,

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