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Thank you for the opportunity to engage with this crucial matter.

I'm referencing here Neasa Hourigan's draft submission that she has shared on social media:

*"The United Nations Environment Programme annually publishes an "emissions gap" report, which considers the gap between how much countries are planning to cut emissions and what is required to keep global heating to 1.5C, the goal of the Paris Agreement. This report has stated that we need to "cut global emissions by 7.6 percent every year for the next decade to meet 1.5°C Paris target". Therefore it is imperative that we work from the base of 7% (or indeed 7.6%) in developing our nationally agreed carbon budgets. Given that rich countries have polluted more than developing countries and have greater capacity to make carbon savings it is incumbent on wealthier countries like Ireland that we not only meet our base targets but operate in a manner that may exceed those targets. A number of academics in the state have outlined that given the level of emissions Ireland produces per capita even the 7.6% emissions reduction does not signify doing our 'fair share' and indeed a more careful nuanced accounting might a produced a target above 10%."*

My own submission is that I believe our emissions reduction must be 7.6% at an absolute minimum, in the interests of both fairness and all our future safety - while acknowledging the enormity of the tasks ahead of us all, and the importance of a "just transition" to ensure both fairness and success.

With thanks and very best of wishes,

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