



# Statement by the Chair of the Climate Change Advisory Council following the publication of Ireland's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Projections 2024 to 2055

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Marie Donnelly, the Chair of the Climate Change Advisory Council, has expressed disappointment at the newly released figures of Ireland's projected emissions. The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Projections 2024 to 2055 published by the EPA today lay bare the difficulties that Ireland faces in keeping emissions within the carbon budgets adopted by the Oireachtas, as well as complying with European obligations leading to significant compliance costs for the State.

"We are now half way through 2025 - the final year of the first carbon budget. Unfortunately we are not on track to meet the budget and without radical action are unlikely to meet our national and European targets in 2030."

Government needs to show enhanced political leadership along with accelerated implementation of policy and roll out of actions and technologies that reduce emissions. A crucial step to help achieve this is for Government to prioritise investment and resources in phasing out harmful fossil fuels - particularly in our public transport, cars and heating systems. This will help Ireland avoid future costs, provide the opportunity to deliver energy independence, reduce costs for consumers and business, and help to maintain our competitive economy in a low carbon world, while building greater resilience to the impacts of climate change.

In short - it is better to make the investments *now* for households, communities and businesses, rather than paying large fines in a few years.

	Carbon Budget 1 = 295 Mt CO <sub>2</sub> eq		Carbon Budget 2 = 200 Mt CO <sub>2</sub> eq	
Scenario	Projection 2021-2025	Projected Exceedance	Projection 2026-2030	Projected Exceedance
With Existing Measures	307	12	301	101
With Additional Measures	303	8	270	70

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