



# General Election 2011 Candidate Commitment

Climate Change is real and happening now. The effects of climate change are already being felt throughout the world and it is the poor in developing countries who are first and worst affected - and least responsible.

Ireland is one of the worst offenders. Among rich countries our climate pollution is the sixth highest per person.

We can make a real contribution to global efforts and put Ireland on a path to a more sustainable future by passing a strong climate law without loopholes.

**I commit to seek the passing of a climate change law this year.  
That law will provide for:**

- The setting of legally-binding 5-year targets in the form of carbon budgets, to put Ireland on the path to reduce our emissions by at least 80% by 2050
- These targets to be met domestically without buying offsets overseas
- An independent climate change commission to advise Government, with the power to publish its own reports.
- I will also support a plan ensuring that Ireland's financial contribution to addressing climate change is separate from and additional to the overseas development aid (ODA) budget.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Stop Climate Chaos is a coalition of civil society organizations campaigning to ensure Ireland plays its part in preventing runaway climate change. The members of Stop Climate Chaos are: ActionAid, Afri, Birdwatch Ireland, Christian Aid, Climate Action Ireland Platform, Comhlámh, Concern, Cultivate, Dublin Friends of Earth, Eco Congregation Ireland, ECO UNESCO, Feasta, Friends of the Earth, Gorta, Just Forests, Kimmage Development Studies Centre, Latin America Solidarity Centre, Methodist Church of Ireland- Council of Social Responsibility, Mountmellick Environmental Group (MEG), National Youth Council of Ireland, Oxfam Ireland, Presentation Ireland, Students Against Climate Change, Sustain West Cork, An Taisce, Trócaire, VITA, V.O.I.C.E.