

Mr. [REDACTED]  
Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment  
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**Re: National Long-term Low Emissions Strategy 2020-2070**

Dear Mr [REDACTED],

An Taisce notes the requirement under the EU Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union, which entered into force in December 2018, for all member states to prepare and submit to the Commission by 1 January 2020 and every 10 years thereafter their long-term low emission strategies with a 50 year perspective. We believe the preparation of these strategies represents a critical component of effective societal engagement with the existential challenge of climate change, especially, but not exclusively with respect to the demands of intergenerational justice.

Taking account of the provisions of Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the UNECE Aarhus Convention, we assume that the Department is making due provision for effective public participation in the development of this critical long-term strategy.

Accordingly we would like to request an early opportunity to meet with the DCCAE team responsible for public participation in the preparation of the LTS, in order both to understand the envisaged processes, and to offer any support or insight from the NGO perspective that may assist with this.

Given the relatively short period allowed for the LTS to be prepared, we would appreciate if you could offer the earliest possible meeting date(s).

Sincerely



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