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Dear Mr Carroll,

On behalf of the Just Transition Commission, I note the timely publication of the National Energy Affordability Taskforce Interim Report. I would like to acknowledge the focus on developing enduring measures targeted at those most at risk of energy poverty as we move away from universal credits.

As Ireland continues on its ambitious climate transition, it is essential that the need for a just transition is a key consideration in the development and delivery of climate and energy policy to ensure that no one is left behind.

The Just Transition Commission is providing guidance to Government to support it in its responsibility to ensure a just transition to a climate neutral economy. In this context, the Commission is evaluating the implementation of Ireland's just transition principles into sectoral climate policies, of which electricity and the energy transition is an important part of. The four overarching principles of a just transition are:

1. An integrated, structured, and evidence-based approach to identify and plan our response to just transition requirements;
2. People are equipped with the right skills to be able to participate in and benefit from the future net zero economy;
3. The costs are shared so that the impact is equitable and existing inequalities are not exacerbated; and
4. Social dialogue to ensure impacted citizens and communities are empowered and are core to the transition process

As part of its 2026 work programme, the Commission will be examining the energy sector, and with the Taskforce's remit of recommending structural reforms that will benefit consumers, I would welcome the opportunity to



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engage with the Taskforce at an opportune time to ensure the just transition principles are embedded into the work of the Taskforce and its future reports.

I look forward to your response and wish you and the Taskforce well as it progresses its remit into 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Ali Sheridan  
Chair  
Just Transition Commission