

# Hi, Politicians!

## These are my Climate **Red Lines**

Keep Ireland LNG Free

Press Pause on Data Centres

Eliminate Energy Poverty

85% of people in Ireland believe politicians and government should do more to stop climate change. Do you?

# Here's how to show candidates that you care about climate issues

**1. Stick the front of this poster to your window!**

**2. Ask canvassers what their candidate and party will do to:**

- **STOP liquefied natural gas (LNG)** being introduced into Ireland
- **PAUSE** the development of energy-guzzling **data centres**
- **ENGAGE** in a just energy transition - **eliminate energy poverty** over the lifetime of the new government.

**Tell candidates we want to:**

## **1: KEEP IRELAND LNG-FREE**

LNG is 33% more polluting than coal. We cannot meet our climate targets if we get locked in to dirty energy. LNG terminals pose serious health risks to local communities. LNG is highly explosive and spills can release clouds of vapour which cause burns for up to a mile-long radius.

Potential plans for state-led LNG would be a huge cost to electricity users and taxpayers - leasing a terminal would cost €46 million per annum.

LNG in Europe is dominated by US gas, 87% of which is fracked. We banned fracking in Ireland because of its devastating environmental and health impacts. Outsourcing it would be unjust.

**Ask candidates: *What will you do to protect the health and safety of your constituents, and ensure we prevent any LNG infrastructure from being developed in Ireland?***

## **2: PRESS PAUSE ON DATA CENTRES**

21% of our electricity is used by big tech data centres and is forecast to reach 30% by 2030, leaving essential services like hospitals and schools exposed to higher electricity prices and at risk of blackouts.

Electricity demand in Ireland is set to increase by 37% by 2031 compared to 2021 levels. Increased demand from data centres is putting huge pressure on our renewable energy and climate targets.

There is a lack of transparency on what data is being stored in data centres. It is estimated that most data is redundant, with only 19% business critical.

We need to pause permission for data centres until they can be powered by renewable energy, and improve regulation, transparency and accountability to ensure they use energy sustainably and responsibly.

**Ask candidates: *Will you pause permission for data centres and ensure existing and any future data centres run on renewable energy?***

## **3: ELIMINATE ENERGY POVERTY**

Ireland's energy poverty rates have reached record highs (29% of the population) meaning more and more people are struggling to heat their homes.

The energy transition must protect vulnerable people and reduce electricity prices by prioritising the production and control of renewable energy at local level and by the state, prioritising retrofitting for households in energy poverty, and providing greener, cheaper and more accessible energy.

**Ask candidates: *What will you do to eliminate energy poverty over the lifetime of the government?***

**For more information, see:**

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