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Ms. Molly Walsh  
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Dear Molly,

Thanks for your email. I am glad to be able to tell you that approval has been granted by Government for the immediate drafting of the Climate Change Bill.

The nature and extent of the climate challenge is unprecedented and the legislation envisaged by Government is to be a foundation for a secure and sustainable low-carbon future for Ireland. In this it will be novel, not least in relation to its long-term vision. The seriousness of the threat from climate change is such that we have to look at the implications for every aspect of our lives and plan accordingly, including the need to address the extent to which global warming threatens our quality of life and key sectors of our economy. The Bill will do this.

It is the Government's intention to publish the Bill before the end of the current Dáil session. Following a period of consultation in which I look forward to constructive engagement with all stakeholders and the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security, I anticipate enactment early in 2011.

My thanks to you and your colleagues in FoE for your input to this process to date. I will be back in contact with you as soon as the Bill is published.

Yours sincerely,



**John Gormley T.D.**  
**Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government**

