

CRNI Response to Consultation on Carbon Budgets 2025

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Community Resources Network Ireland (CRNI) is the representative body for community-based reuse, repair and recycling network in Ireland. Through its active and committed membership of around 50 social enterprises and community-centred organisations, CRNI serves the unique and valuable role of developing resource efficiency and circular economy initiatives via information sharing, member opportunities, and sector development and advocacy.

Our vision is for an Ireland where communities benefit equally from the social, environmental and economic value of reusable resources. Our mission is to provide a range of practical supports to our members, and to promote community-based, sustainable management of reusable resources to tackle Ireland's growing waste problem.

CRNI welcomes Climate Change Advisory Council's latest recommendations for the Carbon Budget periods 3 (2031 – 2035) and 4 (2036 – 2040). As noted by the Council, carbon budgets inform the development of actions in Ireland's Climate Action Plan with a view to the State achieving climate neutrality by 2050.

CCAC's recommendations offer emissions ceilings for key sectors where carbon savings can be made. It also outlines scenarios that include "implicit trade-offs" between energy and AFOLU sectors.

CRNI proposes that **the role of reuse and repair** should also be considered when appraising these scenarios as an additional contributing factor to Ireland's carbon savings efforts. A study by WRAP¹ found that reuse was one of the most effective strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. By increasing the reuse of key household products such as textiles, appliances and electrical equipment, UK greenhouse gas emissions could be reduced by 4 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent per annum.

¹ WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme), 2009. Meeting the UK Climate Challenge: The Contribution of Resource Efficiency. WRAP, Banbury, UK.