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To whom it may concern.

This Green Paper under consideration - Towards a Sustainable Energy Future for Ireland - is a very disappointing and unsatisfactory document. It poses a problem, namely the future security and sustainability of energy supplies in Ireland and proceeds to close its eyes to the one certain solution to the problem for the foreseeable future, which is to embark on a nuclear energy generation regime as a solution to the problem. Instead it proposes a series of "mickey-mouse" solutions which amount to a mere tinkering with the problem.

Instead of what amounts to shadow-boxing with alternative energies, renewable energies, bio-energies, the Green Paper should have grasped the nettle of Nuclear Energy as the solution and add on these other proposals as a supplement to it. One of the solutions proposed to help solve the dilemma of our future energy needs is energy efficiency developments but surely one cannot economise on energy usage if one does not have the energy present in the first place. Let us adopt as soon as possible a Nuclear Energy regime instead of this toying with the problem.

Since the Government and this Green Paper have set their faces against Nuclear Energy, I will not delay in analysing and criticizing the various points and proposals made in the course of the paper. One comment I would make - the paper seems to have been composed by a Committee! It is a patchwork of proposals and aspirations and is largely repetitive. It grasps at straws such as Wave Energy which is still in the experimental stage. In ignoring the potential of Nuclear Energy in the present

day and age, it is no longer ~~new~~ in touch with reality but is set in Dalmatian and largely an exercise in Make-believe - a good example of fiddling while Rome is burning.

I am sorry to be so dismissive of this Green Paper, but when one is faced with a deep reluctance to embrace a technology which has been tried, tested and not found wanting, a technology which contributes even to-day to 70% of France's energy needs, one cannot help but be dismissive.

Let the Government revoke its politically correct ban on the use of Nuclear Energy and embrace a mainly nuclear solution for the future energy needs of this country. In this way it will ensure our economical survival for many years to come.

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