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The West Regional Authority welcomes the Departments Energy Green Paper as an important step forward in the development of sustainable energy in Ireland. The comprehensive approach to energy is welcomed.

The West Regional Authority also wishes to support in principal the submission on the Green Paper being made by the Association of Irish Energy Agencies (AIEA). The Regional Authority believes that for the targets set out in the paper to be reached will require significant local action. This requires the existing LEAs and their work to be recognised and supported. Sufficient supports and appropriate funding needs to be put in place to sustain the valuable work the agencies are engaged in.

The promotion of energy conversation, energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable development within the West Regional Authority Region are of the utmost importance to our members. Consequently it is essential that the energy agencies must continue in their role of providing professional energy services and new agencies established where required.

I would be grateful therefore if the aforementioned request to set aside sufficient funding could be acceded to, in order to sustain and develop Local Energy Agencies.

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