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To: RRAT, Committee (SEN)

Subject: Carbon Sink Forests Legislation

Dear Secretary,

I am concerned about the detail in this legislation.

Please when drafting this legislation take into account the following issues:

1 – Alternative land use issues – by this I mean please legislate that we do not use high value agricultural land for sink forests

2 – The use of tax payers money in MIS style operations that will be involved in establishing these forests. This emissions trading must be economically stand alone – we should not be using tax payers dollars to support this process. We will pay for the process twice if that is the case – once as increased energy costs and then a second time by granting inappropriate up front tax concessions for forest developers.

3 – Please ensure that all such investments have a covenant (that we the tax payers are able to audit) that ensures such plantings are kept in the ground for at least a minimum period as recommended by International Experts – not based on recommendations from our own forestry companies with a vested interest in short term harvesting

4 – Mixed species and not mono-culture please!!!! Surely we know enough now about any mono-culture to reasonably assume we are better to have mixed species?

Regards,

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