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A Chara,

Further to the recently submitted request for further information I wish to make a submission with regards to the Arklow Bank Wind Park 2 - reference 319864.

The benefits the project will offer to Arklow and the surrounding Wicklow and Wexford areas are wide ranging and I am supportive of offshore energy to meet our every increasing energy needs.

It will produce enough clean, home-grown energy to power the equivalent of more than 800,000 homes annually. It will also deliver economic benefit of around €800m in Ireland, over €400m of which will be local to the Wicklow and Wexford region.

Arklow Bank Wind Park 2 will support over 800 direct jobs during the construction phase, and an estimated 2,300 direct and indirect jobs. It is also expected that 80 much needed highly skilled, long-term, local jobs are planned during the lifetime of the project.

The local area will benefit from the support of a multi-million-euro Community Benefit Fund, that will benefit all residents through various projects.

Under the Government's Climate Action Plan we need to generate the capacity to have 80% of Ireland's electricity from renewal sources by 2030 and infrastructure like Arklow Bank Wind Park 2 is essential to this policy. It is vital that we all come together realise the full potential of offshore wind as a driving force for Ireland's clean energy transition.

Kind Regards,

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