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I am writing as Chair of the Energy Action Team of Fingal County Council (and also as Chair of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee in Fingal County Council).

I have just heard of this consultation and therefore have not had an opportunity to put this before the full Development Board or SPC. Therefore the views expressed below are my own, although I'm not aware of any contrary views in either organisation.

Fingal Development Board has set up an Energy Action team which is looking at the area both within the County Council and within the County as a whole.

Micro-generation is capable of playing, and, with the right regulatory conditions, likely to play a significant role in meeting Fingal's energy needs. In the interests of sustainable development and in particular reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and energy security, we hope to encourage micro-generation. The appropriate incentives and institutional frameworks in the energy sector are essential.

The consultation document unfortunately, proposes an institutional framework which would act as a disincentive to micro-generation. I feel that this is directly contrary to the stated intention of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing energy security. Net metering should be the minimum offer to micro-generation.

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