

Submission Public Service Obligation Levy 2017- 2018,
(Grainne Black ?)

This submission is written in a hurry. Why do I only now hear about this possibility to make my voice heard? I guess more than 95% of irish people will only notice what is going on when they get the electricity bill with the new levy amount.

The poorer people will carry the bigger burden again, as the levy is not income-related (by the way, the VAT on the bill is not either).

Energy projects should be community or state owned. No profits should be made om basic commodities. Most projects are now in the hands of private people. If the projects were not profitable , they would never develop them. Now already developers are trying to sell projects on. Seems to be a lucrative business.

The area I live in, Westcork, will be spoiled and destroyed by all the small split projects and substations going up around us. Soon we will live in an industrial estate. (The projects all carry different fancy names, but are part of the one bigger company with an handful of owners). How clean and green and fair trade is clean energy?

People have no say in the way the pso levy is spent. Why so much in windturbines? Why not more in solar, tidal, hydro,etc.,or in research for more alternatives?

Carbon emissions from electricity used by households and small industries are only small part of total emissions. Why so much emphasis on renewable energy only?

May the blessings of saint Finbarr be with you.

regards

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