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## Submission Cover Sheet

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Gas Transition) Amendment Bill 2022

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Dear Committee for Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity,

I am writing to you in relation to the ban on new gas connections which I understand is intended to come into effect on 1st January 2023. I understand that you are accepting submissions from the public in relation to this ban and as such request your consideration of the below.

I have recently signed a contract for a knock down/rebuild in Watson. This will mean disconnecting the gas for the safe demolition of the existing house, and not reconnecting it until early next year once the new house is built. The contract includes provision for gas appliances. I'm now very concerned that I've financially committed myself to a building contract which I'm sure cannot be delivered before this legislation comes into effect.

I've asked my builder about the legislation, and he has advised that he's not heard anything regarding this legislation so is not taking any action at this time. How can he not know about it? Was there advice provided to builders?

Are you able to help me? Would it be possible to be exempted from this legislation as I signed my contract before the legislation was announced? Or can the effective date be extended to allow gas reconnections for people like me who signed contracts without knowing this legislation was coming?

In accepting this submission, I would like to request that my surname, email, home address and phone number are not published.

Regards,

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