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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday 9 August 2021 18:56  
**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** Reference to (8) Sheep Improvement Scheme (SIS)

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Hello

I am a sheep farmer who only sells store and breeding stock and as such none of my customers require Bord Bia status. Therefore having Bord Bia status is of no advantage to me.  
To obtain Bord Bia certification is an **additional effort and cost** and when combined with the costs associated with scanning or the mineral supplementation measures, I am not sure if continuing with that the new programme makes economic sense.

Can you please explain the policy rationale for this requirement in the light of the above. I believe many modest sheep farmers will not engage with this proposal as suggested.

Regards

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**Subject:** Draft interventions for CAP Strategic Plan

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- When will a National Dialogue on Women in Agriculture take place?

Yours sincerely,

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**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** Re: Draft interventions for CAP Strategic Plan

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday 10 August 2021 21:32  
**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** 30% Scrub Inclusion

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In relation to the above, is it 30% of the scrub which will be eligible or up to 30% of the overall land parcel containing scrub?

Regards,

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Tuesday 10 August 2021 19:26

**To:**

CAP Strategic Plan

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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I am a tillage farmer and every year I am expected to comply with more and more environmental rules regulations and restrictions, this will increase significantly with the rollout of the new reforms. At the same time our EU policy makers don't seem to have any issue with importing feed and grains from countries who operate at the other end of the environmental spectrum, ie soya from Brazil, maize gluten from the states which we are expected to be able to compete against.

If the EU don't insist on an equivalence of standards the whole thing will not be taken seriously by myself and other farmers

Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday 10 August 2021 19:57  
**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** CAP SP: question on capping and unique beneficiary code

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Dear organisers,

Here two questions:

1. How much budget can capping provide to redistributive payments? In your presentation, you explained that this is minimal. But how much is in absolute and relative terms? On which threshold has it been calculated?
2. Are you planning to introduce a unique beneficiary code to track the sum of CAP Pillar I and II support to each beneficiary?

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday 10 August 2021 20:33  
**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** Dairy Beef Welfare Scheme

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Dairy beef welfare scheme

Should this scheme be solely aimed at dairy farmers who keep their male dairy calves and beef farmers who buy these calves? . The more support these farmers get ,the better. I don't see any benefits for calves welfare by spending the money elsewhere. Promoting sexed semen etc on a professional dairy farm doesn't do anything for animal welfare. The best way to promote animal welfare in calves is for the calf to become valuable.  
Thanks

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday 10 August 2021 15:10  
**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** Public Consultation on the 2023 - 2027 Strategic Plan

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to raise the following questions:

1. Why is the CAP for the Single Farm Payment set at 30,000 Euros? The average size of a farm is around 33 hectares and surely Single Farm Payments should be directed to small farm holdings. Unfortunately, farmers in the West of Ireland are dependent on large farmholders from the East and South-East of Ireland for their livelihood, in buying their stock and produce. This is an injustice as small farm holders are keeping rural communities in existence. Apart from Westport and to some extent Castlebar the rural population has been declining in counties like Mayo. Better distribution of the allocation of monies raised for the Single Farm Payment would result in a fairer society and better economy for the rural west. This would also reduce emigration or the seeking of work in England.

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** sucklers

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while dairy cow numbers are growing big time how can beef cow numbers be capped

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday 11 August 2021 16:29  
**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** 'Draft interventions for CAP Strategic Plan'

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern,  
Does tree planting of less than 0.1 hectares, as done under GLAS, add to our carbon accounting at the moment?  
What is the minimum level of afforestation which is necessary per annum during the course of the next CAP to meet our climate change commitments?  
Has the DAFM realised that afforestation suffered the most serious decline during the course of the last CAP and how has this been taken into account in the CAP strategic plan?  
Kind Regards,  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday 11 August 2021 18:47  
**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** Hedgerows

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If we raised our Hedgecutter to 3m in height would it be considered a eco scheme.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday 11 August 2021 16:09  
**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** Improving biodiversity and water quality

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Hi,

In order to make real progress in relation to improving biodiversity and water quality we need to move away from generic schemes and devise eco schemes that target positive actions at a local level. An obvious way to coordinate local area plans/ eco schemes is to use Co.Council areas . Input from advisory services, local authorities and farmers is essential in order to prepare scheme measures that will improve areas of concern . In this regard Knowledge transfer groups have a big part to play as education and financial incentives are key drivers of success. Similar initiatives that have shown positive results have been financed through EIP so lessons can be learned from their experiences .

Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday 11 August 2021 22:50  
**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** Leasing entitlements

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As I leased entitlements due to family reasons are entitlements safe for next generation who are interested in farming when of age

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday 11 August 2021 18:41  
**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** Question

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Will the Minister commit to maximum convergence of 85% which he sought during negotiations at EU level and introduce it in increments each year up to 2026?

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** Convergence

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As a full time beef finisher my income is very dependent on my Pillar 1 payment. I cannot survive on any further increase in the rate of convergence.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday 11 August 2021 18:34  
**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** FW: Forest proposals

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**Subject:** Forest proposals

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Hi [REDACTED]  
Recent events have caused havoc in the forestry sector as you know.  
Personally I believe there is a lot to be done to restore confidence in the sector and more knowledge to be provided to the public about the benefits of commercial timber.  
My answers to some of the current issues are:  
Release a defined number of TFLs each month to reduce timber shortage.  
Additional staff to be hired to assist with current delays with afforestation sites.  
Increase premium grants for afforestation as well as an additional grant with reference to carbon credits for areas planted with native species.  
When management plans are submitted at year 10 a tree felling licence should be included. This would allow ample time for necessary surveys to be carried out if needs be.  
As a part-time farmer and forester myself I believe that both forestry and farming can have a symbiotic relationship. Please feel free to contact me regarding any queries with reference to forestry.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Land Eligibility

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Will all land which was deemed ineligible by the dept.and removed from payments over the last two CAPS be now made fully eligible for all payments under the next CAP in recognition of its high ecological value.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday 11 August 2021 18:44  
**To:** CAP Strategic Plan  
**Subject:** Leakage of money to agricultural consultants

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Drawing up plans for any new schemes is a huge cost to participants therefore it is imperative that the price charged by consultants for these plans are kept to a minimum to ensure maximum financial return to the farmers taking part.

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In the draft CAP strategic plan limiting suckler cow numbers is proposed. This proposal is entirely unacceptable.

It is also unacceptable to propose that all participants in schemes involving livestock must be Q.A

In relation to water features any proposal to require additional fencing will be unacceptable

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