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I want to make submission re CAP.

How can large farmers collect a subsidy to continue farming that is more than the salary paid to our Taoiseach? Another form of "dole" we hardly need and changing the scheme name is hypocritical.

Large operators should be supporting, through taxation, the smaller but efficient family farmers to build them up to a situation when they have an income that is taxable.

I will bet that ultimately there will be little change as people who have much money are effective at retaining payments especially from the taxpayer.

No payments should follow where product is not produced irrespective of who actually owns the land. Do you know that the so-called nitrogen derogation is useless and is routinely ignored?

Nitrates in our drinking water is an issue we ignore as we prefer to talk about Amazon wild fires- we have fires of our own but we choose to look sideways.

Disclosure of all monies paid should be mandatory and not implemented where farms are divided up to make companies- this anomaly merits attention.

In summary: no payments larger than Taoiseach's salary is a useful benchmark.

All payments disclosed- it is all public money

Payments must be linked to sustainability of our environment - it is regrettable to have to state this

Productivity should be mandatory to receive payments .

It is time to stop payments being linked to what happened 20 years ago- who thought of this in the first instance?

It is time for action and change and despite massive payments, farmers are fundamentally dissatisfied with their lot- money will not fix it but efficiency and meeting market demands will

Yours truly

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