

## Ireland's energy sovereignty

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William,

We've less than **two weeks to persuade this Government to ditch a dangerous treaty that gives fossil fuel corporations sweeping powers to sue us** in shady private courts. [1]

The **Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) is the fossil fuel industry's secret weapon**. Even if our Government wanted to **force energy corporations to lower their prices, they couldn't**. They'd be sued for billions of euro. [2]

**Now there's a real chance we can force all EU countries to pull out of the treaty**. France left over the weekend, joining The Netherlands, Spain and others too. [3] They know they can't credibly remain in the treaty and genuinely reduce carbon emissions. [4]

With the **global climate conference COP27** taking place in two weeks' time - now's the perfect time to pile pressure on Energy Minister **Eamon Ryan to withdraw Ireland from the ECT**. [5] He's **desperate to look good** on the international stage and knows well that this treaty is locking us into deals with greedy energy corporations.

**A giant petition** signed by thousands of us **delivered to Eamon Ryan before COP27** would be impossible to ignore. He knows that **EU governments are watching** - and a massive push from us could make all the difference.

**William, can you sign now?**

**Yes, I will 100% sign**

The ECT is a lot more than a trade deal. It's a **dangerous power grab that hands extraordinary rights to profit-hungry fossil fuel corporations.**

This deal gives the fossil fuel industry the power to undermine our democratically elected politicians and sue us for compensation if they believe the government has put our interests ahead of their expected profits. [6] Everything from **environmental protection to the price of our energy bills is under threat** from profit-hungry fossil fuel corporations.

**But shady deals like this can't stand up in the light of day** and politicians know it. That's why when people in The Netherlands, France, Spain, Poland and Italy started asking questions, their governments had no choice but to pull out of the treaty. [7]

So far, the **Irish Government has been very quiet** on the matter. **They need to hear from us.**

With COP27 just around the corner, now is our best chance at getting Eamon Ryan to pull out of this dangerous agreement and **take away the fossil fuel industry's secret weapon.**

William, **will you sign the petition demanding Eamon Ryan** chooses people and the planet over massive fossil fuel corporations and **remove Ireland from the Energy Charter Treaty?**

**Yes, I'll sign and share**

More power to you,

Brian and the Uplift team

P.S: I know asking for donations in these tough times is a big ask. Some of us won't be able to afford it - and that's ok. But if you are fortunate enough to be able to afford even €5 or €10 to help, please click [here](#) to help us fight big corporate trade deals. You can also call 01 513 3043 or post to Uplift, 13 Dorset Street Lower, Dublin 1, D01 Y893.

NOTES:

[1] [Forbes: A Little-Known EU Investor Dispute Treaty Could Kill The Paris Climate Agreement](#)

[2] [ECT's Dirty Secrets: What is the Energy Charter Treaty?](#)

[3] [EU Observer: Why are EU countries leaving the Energy Charter Treaty?](#)

[4] [The Guardian: France becomes latest country to leave controversial energy charter treaty.](#)

[5] [Euronews: What is COP27? Everything you need to know about Egypt's landmark climate conference](#)

[6] [The Guardian: Young people go to European court to stop treaty that aids fossil fuel investors](#)

[7] [E3G: EU's ECT withdrawal option takes off as talks wither](#)  
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