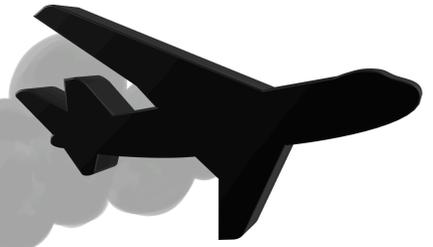


# Speak up about airplane pollution and climate change



If your family want to write to your local TDs, and or to the Minister for Transport, about the Government's efforts to remove the Dublin Airport passenger cap, here are some tips:

## Key information you might want to include-



**Climate change is getting worse and everyone must help to reduce the pollution causing it as fast as we can.** Of all the things, grown-ups can do to stop climate change getting worse, flying less is the second best thing.

But **airlines are not helping as they should be.** Harmful **pollution from airplanes is going up** instead of down in Ireland. People pay extra for the petrol in their cars through taxes, but airlines don't have to pay extra for the fossil fuel in their airplanes. The pollution from planes flying away from Ireland isn't even included in Ireland's plan to deal with climate change.



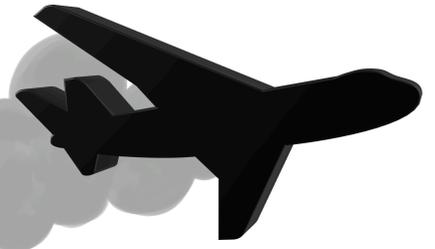
The 'passenger cap' is the only limit we have right now to keep airplane pollution getting even worse. **If the Government remove it, it will cause even more harmful pollution** - hundreds of thousands of tonnes of extra pollution at least.

The Government **must protect children from pollution and from climate change.** It must also listen to what children have to say about pollution and about climate change, and take it seriously. These are children's rights - promises the Government have made so children can have a good life.



The Government **must put children's rights first and make businesses, like airlines, reduce their pollution to keep children safe from climate change.** This means that the 'passenger cap' must stay. The Government must change its plans to remove it now.

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## Tips and ideas:

- Keep your email or letter short and clear. Tell your TD you live in the area they work for.
- Be honest about how you feel about this issue and why it is important to you. Remember to be polite!
- Add in colours or drawings if it helps members of the family get their views across.
- If there is something you would like them to do, let them know. For example, if they will speak up for children and ask the Government to drop its plan.
- Remember to add your name and address at the end.
- If you'd like to meet them to talk about it more, you can ask them if that would be possible.
- If you have time, a grown-up in the family could call them a couple of days later to make sure they got your email or letter.
- You can find your local TDs work addresses and phone numbers here -<https://www.contactyourtd.ie/>
- If you would like to email the Minister for Transport, his email is [minister@transport.gov.ie](mailto:minister@transport.gov.ie)

