Headline Report
19th May 2020
What we did

- Online Omnibus Survey
- N=1,021 adults in Ireland
  Nationally Representative
- Quota controls on Sex, Age
  Social Grade and Region
- Fieldwork: 12th-18th May, 2020

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The error margin for this data is estimated at +/- 3.1%
What we asked

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- In the economic recovery after Covid-19, it's important that government actions prioritise climate change
- The government should create jobs by supporting work to make all homes more energy efficient
- Investment in transport should prioritise safe cycling, walking and public transport over private cars
- Emissions from agriculture need to be reduced by supporting a move to more sustainable farming

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

“Negotiations have commenced on the formation of the next government and the post-Covid recovery plan. If the new government does not act now to combat climate change, it will be failing the people of Ireland”

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree Somewhat
- Agree Somewhat
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  - **92%** agree

- **Emissions from agriculture need to be reduced by supporting a move to more sustainable farming.**
  
  - **73%** agree

- **Investment in transport should prioritise safe cycling, walking and public transport over private cars.**
  
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- **The government should be guided by science and expert advice on climate action as they have been on Covid-19.**
  
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Some Key Messages

- 9 in 10 believe the our climate change policies should be guided by science and expert advice, as was the case with Covid-19.

- There is near-universal support for government initiatives to support jobs by encouraging home improvements for energy efficiency.

- 3 out of every 4 citizens in Ireland believe that investment in transport should favour safe walking, cycling and public transport ahead of private cars. It hits 80% in Dublin, but is still 72% outside cities and suburbs.

- Even with very difficult economic times ahead, almost two-thirds of adults in Ireland believe that it remains important that the government prioritises action on climate change.

- Two-thirds of people living outside cities and suburbs believe emissions from agriculture need to be reduced by supporting a move to more sustainable farming. Nationally it is three-quarters.
Government Focus on Climate Change

“Negotiations have commenced on the formation of the next government and the post-Covid recovery plan. If the new government does not act now to combat climate change, it will be failing the people of Ireland.”

7 in 10 Irish citizens feel that a failure to act on climate change is a failure to act in the best interests of the people of Ireland.

This view is held most strongly among those aged under 35, with 76% agreement in that cohort.
Thank You!

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