

Caroline Lucas MP statement on CCC Sixth Carbon Budget report



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The Committee on Climate Change has today published its Sixth Carbon Budget for the years 2033 to 2037. [1]

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