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From the Minister for Environment and Agri-Environment The Rt Hon Michael Meacher MP

Thank you for your letter of 14 September about references to the "Contraction and Convergence" model in Government publications.

It is unfortunate that the Performance and Innovation Unit's Energy Review omitted to attribute the Contraction and Convergence reference to the Global Commons Institute. I am sure that this was just an oversight and apologise on their behalf.

I fully understand your wish to protect the integrity of the Contraction and Convergence model. By this letter, I would like to seek GCI's consent to references to the model in Government publications dealing with climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, and give my assurance that all reasonable steps to ensure that full attribution is given to the GCI in each case. I hope this is acceptable to you and would be grateful if you would confirm in writing that it is.

MICHAEL MEACHER

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