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I am writing to you re the local electoral boundary of Rathdrum, co Wicklow and Barndarrig Co Wicklow. These boundary s was changed before the last local election .from the east electoral area to the south of the .eg to the Arklow electoral area, We in the Rathdrum and Barndarrig areas, cannot understand why these changes was made. I would like to point out to your committees that since that change was made, we don't have a Clir in our areas .as all those people elected are from Arklow town.

I find it hard to understand why those changes were made as Rathdrum has 1700 people on the register and is only 8 miles from Wicklow town ,Barndarrig is only 3 miles from Wicklow town .where as Arklow is 12 miles from ,Rathdrum .and Barndarrig is about 11 miles away .for the past four year we the people of both areas have no proper representation,we even find it hard to get in contact with a public reps .Before these changes came into effect we had a number of Cllrs we could be in contact with.

We would also point out that both these areas have been in the east electoral areas .since the formation of the state ,and at the last election many people did not go to vote ,unless we are put back in the east electoral area ,we will find it hard to go out to vote .

All we are requesting is fair play and proper representation

I would request that your committee would give our reps serious consideration

Yours

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