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Submission regarding local electoral areas

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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Kilmichael Branch of Fine Gael, we would like to make the following submission:

At the moment Kilmichael Parish is divided between Macroom/ Blamey and Skibereen electoral area. Macroom is the local town for the parish and all postal addresses in Kilmichael are Macroom postal addresses. Many people in the parish who are within four or five miles of Macroom Town are actually in the Skibereen area and are therefore up to forty miles from their nearest public representative. The public representatives in the Macroom area are well known to everyone living in Kilmichael whereas this would not be the case with the Skibereen representatives.

Kilmichael is also in the Muskerry division for GAA along with Macroom and therefore play in this division and represent this division in club championships as opposed to the West Cork Divisions.

All of Kilmichael Parish is in the constituency of Cork North West for general elections and all three polling booths represent Cork North West. However in local elections, two booths represent Skibereen and one represents Macroom. As you can appreciate this causes unnecessary confusion.

In light of the above, we would like to see the whole parish in the Macroom Electoral Area.

Yours faithfully

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