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# Cllr. Michael D. O'Shea

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16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

Local Electoral Boundary Committee

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to make the following submission regarding the review of the local electoral area i.e. County Kerry South & West Municipal District.

I am a member of Kerry County Council for the last Twenty Five years and within that time I have experienced three boundary changes. One in 1999, 2008 and 2014. The latter in 2014 which was the 'Putting people first' document that created one of the largest Municipal districts in the country - a nine seater called the South and West Municipal District that I am currently a member of. Totally unworkable due to its geographical size and length stretching over 250KM from Kenmare to Castlegregory. I believe that it should be sub-divided after all this is a review of the 'local' electoral area.

I propose the following changes and giving consideration to the provision of council services hoping that the changes would result in the least amount of disruption and expense. The creation of a new West Kerry electoral area that could consist of a four seater, I believe that this is the way forward. The West Kerry area has its focal points with the town of An Daingean at one end and the towns of Tralee and Milltown at the other end. These are the urban and neighboring focal points for West Kerry. The only way is to create a new electoral area within West Kerry and Dingle as its principal town and to extend the Milltown boundary to all of its natural parish and thus aligning it with the average population per county councilor which is 4084 persons. In saying this the West Kerry peninsula is unique and has its own natural community which should be preserved as a local electoral area.

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- Paudie O'Shea's, Ceanntara 8.45pm
- Donal Keane's, Ballyferriter 9.15pm
- An Cuinne, An Fheothanach 9.45pm
- O Sullivan's Bar, Garra Na Dor 10.15pm

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- Jack Duggan's Bar 7.30pm
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- Henderson's Bar, Fries 8.30pm
- Beaufort Bar, Beaufort 9.15pm

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It has the Gaeltacht areas with Lispolé and Chorca Dhuibhne west of An Daingean. It is vital for the Irish language and culture that this has the representations of four county councilors in the unique existing West Kerry local area. It is an extremely long peninsula bounded by Dingle Bay/Tralee Bay and Brandon Bay which forms the peninsula and should not allow a connection geographically to any other electoral area.

In terms of distance from Dunquin to Milltown it is 74KM and from Dunquin to Tralee it is 72.5KM. Milltown forms a natural head and southern entrance to West Kerry and people associate entering West Kerry on entering Milltown. I would like to suggest that the D.E.Ds of Kilnanare and Dromin be incorporated in to the West Kerry area as part of Milltown. This would further balance the population average per councillor and also recognize Milltown's role as the entrance to West Kerry and the second largest town in the newly proposed area.

Please find enclosed map that will illustrate my reasons given for review.

Yours sincerely

With kind regards,

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