

Att. Secretary, Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee,

I would like to make a submission on behalf of Castleisland Chamber Alliance regarding the revision of the Kerry Local Area boundary.

Castleisland Chamber Alliance are fully in favour of the revision proposed for Castleisland town (attached) and the inclusion of the satellite villages around the town of Castleisland as a new district. This is our natural hinterland. These villages regard Castleisland as their town rather than the town of Tralee or Killarney.

For too long now Castleisland and its natural hinterland has been utilised by Tralee, Killarney Listowel and Dingle to make up electoral quotas without any regard to the needs and requirements of Castleisland itself.

Castleisland is the fourth largest town in Kerry and it deserves to have its own electoral area. Our newly formed Chamber Alliance is focussed on improving Castleisland and it is generally agreed since our formation that there is an air of confidence about the town that has been missing for far too long. If the town were to get its own electoral area it would be a great asset to our Chamber and our community.

I and my hard working colleagues on committee regularly make representations to County Councillors in the Tralee and Killarney areas. Naturally their bigger concern is what is happening in the bigger towns. Consequently, the needs and demands of a town the size of Castleisland are lost and ignored.

It would be a major step forward for our town and hinterland if we had our own electoral area with three or four councillors focussed on our town.

I hope you take onboard the views of Castleisland Chamber Alliance when you are making your decision.

Kindest Regards,
Patricia Walsh
Chairperson Castleisland Chamber Alliance

