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A chara,

I would like to make a submission that County Kerry would receive a new Municipal District to be based around Castleisland town, this would be achieved by amalgamating much of the current Tralee and Killarney Municipal districts. I believe that Tralee, currently a 9 seat Municipal District, should be reduced by 2 seats to 7. The new Tralee Municipal District, would take in Tralee Urban, Tralee Rural, Baurtregaum, Blennerville, Ballyseedy, Ratass, Doon, Clogherbrien, Ballynahaglish, Ardfer, Tubrid, Banna. All these districts have strong historical, economic and social ties to Tralee town.

I strongly encourage a new 5 seat Municipal District centred around Castleisland town, taking in much of the eastern part of the current Tralee Municipal, these areas West of Castleisland, as well as the districts North, South & East of the town have strong historical and cultural ties to the town. Having a distinct Municipal District for this region, would help to revitalise the town of Castleisland, as well as the surrounding villages and towns which are at present overshadowed by the dominance of the towns of Tralee and Killarney. Castleisland has suffered economic decline in recent years due to its periphery, it is also off the tourist trail that other towns of a similar size in the county enjoy. The new Municipal District would also encompass the county airport at Farranfore.

I propose a new Killarney Municipal District which will again have the maximum 7 seats, while much of the current Municipal District would be lost to the new Castleisland Municipal District, it would gain the area south on the Beara peninsula and also some districts West, this would also help to reduce the size of the current very large South & West Municipal District.

I suggest a new South & West Municipal District encompassing the Dingle and Iveragh peninsulas.

Listowel would remain as is and keep 7 seats.

Regards,

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