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Dear Secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Local Electoral Boundary Committee.

I am a member of Kilkenny City / County Council and am elected to the Piltown Local Electoral Area.

I wish to make the following points in relation to the **piltown** Local Electoral Area:

1. we have 6 elected members that are geographically well spread out in the south Kilkenny area that works well in terms of representation of the size of constituency .
2. As the boundary review of the area has now been decided to be left as is this number of 6 reps for the Piltown area should be retained as is

I would ask the Committee to **retain the** piltown Local Electoral Boundary for the following reasons

1. I am based in Ferrybank and have been engaging with Waterford council on many matters over the last 4 years
2. My only concern is although Ferrybank has a population of 6000 ,1000 of our community are in the Waterford LEA and I have found I end up representing these people as well on a regular basis as the Cllrs from the Tramore district feel they are too far removed from Ferrybank area and do not get many constituents contacting them and I feel they do not engage enough with these 1000 constituents therefore leaving me to do the work for another LEA . therefore this must be addressed as in the change of the Waterford LEA that crosses over the bridge in some way
3. Either allow these 1000 constituents to be part of the Piltown LEA as it does not split our community or to re-address the Waterford LEA as to those living near the area to represent the 1000 Constituents in a better manner

Councillor

Melissa O Neill