

Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee 2019 Submissions

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I am forwarding the following submissions to Committee 1 of the above mentioned body with regard to the proposed review of Local Electorate Area's 2019.

The County of Laois is made up of 19 councillors, 3 Municipal Districts i.e. Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick (6 seats), Portlaoise (7 seats) and Portarlinton/Graiguecullen (6 seats).

The electoral area that I represent Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick as one of 6 councillors has a total number at the present time of 19,607 electors. This electorate total and the number of councillors is appropriate to the area and any changes to its boundaries would impact on the smooth running of the area by Laois County Council employees and its six councillors who are well capable of representing its people.

I am also strongly opposed to any recommendations that Laois should have four municipal districts as the towns, villages, rural areas and communities would lose their established strong local identity with their councillors and municipal district.

My recommendation for the county of Laois is that the present system is a fair and equal one which is working very well, so there is no need for change.

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Independent

Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District

Laois County Council