

Main Street,  
Dromore West,  
Co Sligo,

in Sligo Noth Leitrim Constituency

Submission to Electoral Area Boundary Committee

I am making this submission to urge the committee to restore The Dromore West Electoral area to a Four Seat Constituency, for the reasons I have outlined below.

1. The Dromore West electoral area represents 20% of the land area in Co Sligo.
2. Over 4000 people voted in the 2007 general election in the area. In the next council election if left unchanged the quota would be over 1000 the highest in the country.
3. Over 20% of the roads are in west Sligo.
4. The Main Sligo to Ballina road the N59 30 Miles of one the most dangerous roads under the care of the NRA in the country.
5. Half the Coast line in Co Sligo is in this area ,
6. One of the larges high rise blanket bogs is with in the boundaries.
7. The renowned Easkey River boasts of the best salmon in the world.
8. Three growing towns and villages, Inniscrone, Easkey and Dromore West, are all within the area.
9. There are four hotels, two seaside resorts Easkey and Inniscrone.
10. The area has five GAA clubs, and in the whole county there is just 20 twenty.
11. The three seat constituency creates stagnation and is unfair , to Independents and smaller parties,
12. Our environment is more important now than ever and County Councils are charged with its protection in the main: Therefore an imbalance should be in favor our small growing towns Villages and rural area, for example, where you have a city of 30,000 people where you have three layer of representation, Town Councilors, County Councilors and the Dail and Senate members, where as against the Dromore West Electoral area have only County Councilors and the Dail and Senate members. Maybe a 10 to 15% reduction in quota would compensate for the rural Towns and village for not having the representation of a town councilor.
13. The area has been left behind to tiger passed no promotions of tourism, more and better representation needed.

I am a businessman based in the village of Dromore West in the middle of the electoral area, I have great experience of this area, and I recommend that it be made a four seat constituency ,

Thank for you time

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