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10th March '08

Dear sir or madam,

I wish to make the following recommendation to the Electoral Area Boundary Committee for County Mayo in the Belmullet Electoral Area. This area has for the past 30 yrs been underrepresented because it has been linked with the Killala Area From 1967 to 1999 and then with the Achill Area to the present day where 2 Cllrs are elected in the Northern area of Belmullet with almost 8000 people and 2 cllrs in the southern area with about 3700 people. This fragmentation has caused great difficulties for the people of the ERRIS region in regard to Funding and Developments.

My proposal is to create a very compact 3Seat Electoral area of Erris or Belmullet with the following additions.

All the DED'S in the Belmullet Rural AreaPopulation 7927 plus the extra DED'S from Ballina Rural Area of Ballysakeary (pop. 523), Beldergmore (pop 199) Deel (pop.551) and Derry (pop.236). In addition the DED'S of Ballycroy North (pop.315) and Ballycroy South (pop.353). from the Westport Rural Area. This will give a very compact 3 seater Area in the Erris region of North Mayo with a total Population of 9668 and in my opinion this is the solution to the present imbalance. In the past Elections Erris has only elected 2 cllrs except in the years 1985 to 1991 when the electorate returned 3 Cllrs.

The figures for Mayo are 31 Cllrs for 117,446 people which equates to 1 Cllr for every 3788 persons and under my proposal the figures for a new Erris /Belmullet 3 Seater would be 1 Cllr for every 3222 persons and when you take into account the underrepresentation of the past 35 yrs it would go some distance towards redressing that imbalance which has left the area without a Local T.D. since 1973 and bearing in mind that we elected 2 T.D's in the Old North Mayo constituency in 1954

I look forward to your interest in this matter and if you require further explanations I will be glad to provide them.

I am,

Yours sincerely,



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