

**Ard na Mara.
Annagry,
Letterkenny,
Co. Donegal.**

12th March 2008

The Secretary,
Electoral Area Boundary Committee,
Room 203,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.

Re: Local Electoral Area Boundaries

A Chara,

In relation to above and the review being undertaken. I wish to make the following submission, Glenties Electoral Area Co. Donegal. This area elects six members to Donegal Co. Council at present. Bearing in mind population trends I would consider it a retrograde step to reduce the number of members. This area is mainly rural with a number of villages, it also consists of 90% of the off shore Islands, and the greater part of the Donegal Gaeltacht.

I am confident that the Committee would take account of the desirability of preserving natural communities. Should the ratio of members to population here be considered a problem, I would propose that the Glenfin area (part of The Gaeltacht Lár) be incorporated into the Glenties area, as indeed was the position over a decade ago. This area is at present part of The Stranorlar Electoral Area. In order to make up for the transfer from The Stranorlar Area the latter could be extended to the new area Lifford / St. Johnston, recently transferred to The Donegal South West Dail Election area. This move would not breach Dail area boundaries. It would also ensure that the Gaeltacht areas in Donegal South West were not fragmented. I would appreciate if you gave this submission due consideration in arriving at a decision.

Yours Sincerely,

Seamus Rodgers

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