

Submission

Submission re Local Electoral Areas Co. Mayo  
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I am an elector in the Castlebar Electoral Area with a long involvement in electoral matters and I wish to submit a recommendation as follows in respect of Co. Mayo:

1. That the existing Local Electoral Areas and levels of representation in the county be retained with some population adjustments as suggested in (4) (5) and 6) below.

2. That the Ballinrobe Electoral Area be retained as a three-seater as other options would require the creation of a number of unnatural communities.

3. That Beal an Mhuiread Local Electoral Area (pop. 13,048) be augmented by adding the Electoral Divisions of Kilfian West (133), Kilfian South(246), Derry(216), Bunaveela(108)

and Deel(511) ( from the Ballina Electoral Area), Letterbrick(162) (from the Castlebar Electoral Area ) and Glenhest(228) ( from the Westport Electoral Area). This would give Beal an Mhuiread

a population of 14652 and an average population per seat of 3663

4. That Ballina Area (24206) (having lost the above five E.D.s) be augmented by adding the E.D.s of Addergoole(772) and Ballynagoraher(357) (from the Castlebar Electoral Area) leaving Ballina with a

population base of 24121 and an average pop. per seat of 4020. Addergoole and Ballynagoraher consider Ballina to be their local town.

5. Castlebar Electoral Area (27029) - after ceding E.D.s Addergoole(772), Ballynagoraher(357) and Letterbrick(162) will then have a population base of 25738 and an average population per seat of 4290

6. Westport Area(16490) having ceded Glenhest(228) to Beal an Mhuiread will still have a population base of 16262 and an average population per seat of 4066

I believe that the above changes would meet with the approval of many people in these areas and are worth considering.

Is mise, le meas,

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