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Submission to the Boundary Committee 2018, tasked with reviewing the European Parliament Constituencies.

With the number of seats going from **11** to **13** change will be required.

With the Population recorded as **4,761,865** in Census 2016 (source www.cso.ie) then the "average Population per member of the European Parliament" will be **366,297**.

Looking at the **Dublin** constituency, as it was on the occasion of the last election to the European Parliament, the geographic area was the City area plus the three County Council areas. The Population in this area in Census 2016 stands at **1,347,359**.

Were this to be a **3** seater it would have a variance of **+22.6%** above the average Population per member.

If it were a **4** seater it would have a variance of **-8.0%** below the average.

If it were a **5** seater it would have a variance **-26.4%** below the average.

All of these variances are outside the limits accepted in recent reviews.

Dublin East.

I am proposing the **5** seat Constituency of **Dublin East**, comprising Dublin City, the three Dublin counties, and the counties of Louth, Meath and Kildare. With a Population of **1,893,791** it will have a variance from the national average of just **+3.4%**.

Ireland North West.

I am further proposing that all of Connaught, plus the three counties of Ulster, as well as Longford, Westmeath, Laois and Offaly should comprise the single **3** seat constituency of Ireland North West. With a Population of **1,139,743**, it will have a variance of **+3.7%**.

Ireland South East.

To complete the review I am proposing that all of Munster, as well as Wicklow, Wexford, Carlow and Kilkenny should comprise the single **5** seat constituency of Ireland South East. With a Population **1,728,331**, it will have a variance of **-5.6%**.

Yours Sincerely,

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Pat Mc Daid.