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Submission to the Constituency Commission

This submission is on the behalf of Wexford C.D.C. Fianna Fail in Co. Wexford.

I wish to make this submission to the commission regarding the constituency boundary of Co. Wexford. As of before the General Election in February 2016, we in Co. Wexford elected five T.D.'s to represent us in Dail Eireann.

In July 2016, your Constituency Commission released a statement for 2016- Section 10(2) of the Electoral Act 1997. Within this report it states the population figures for Co. Wexford for 2016 (preliminary). I would like to draw to your attention that in the previous report the population in Co. Wexford was 145,320. So between this five year period the population in Co. Wexford has increase by 4,285. This is a significant increase in any county in Ireland.

It is our belief as a committee that with a population increase, it is still not significant enough to change the boundaries of Co. Wexford. With five elected T.D.'s in the county which gives the Population per T.D. 29,921 per head. It is felt that because this figure does not exceed the 30,000 population per T.D. that there no reason to change the boundary for the Constituency of Wexford for the next General Elections.

Our proposal is that the commission would consider from the above facts that the Constituency of Co. Wexford would remain as is with a five seater Dail Eireann Constituency.

Regards


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