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Re: Constituency Commission Submission

A Chara,

In accordance with the public notice in respect of submissions to the Constituency Commission I would like to make the following submission.

The Dáil Constituency of Limerick County was renamed and reconfigured in advance of the 2016 General Election. This reconfiguration restored the county boundary of Limerick with District Electoral Divisions (DED's) in West Limerick being incorporated into the constituency of Limerick County. The decision to do so acknowledged the importance of maintaining the county boundary for Dáil constituencies, a point which I made strongly to the Commission when submissions were last sought from the public for the drafting of the current Dáil boundaries.

I believe that it is essential that given the current configuration of the constituencies in Limerick, Clare and Kerry, that it is vital that the integrity of the County Boundary of Limerick be maintained for the purposes of drawing a boundary for the constituency of Limerick County. This I believe is absolutely essential as it is abundantly clear that those people living in electoral divisions which form a minority of DED's in a multi county constituency do not feel an equal part of the revised constituency.

Furthermore given the rural nature of the constituency of Limerick County I believe that any changes and/or inclusions should take into consideration the current rural fabric of Limerick County and the fact that the constituency as currently constituted, is composed of all or part of the municipal districts of Newcastle West, Adare-Rathkeale and Cappamore-Kilmallock together with a rural element of the Limerick City West district. I believe that the Commission should



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take into consideration this aspect of the existing constituency framework when making any potential changes to the boundary.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick O'Donovan", written over a horizontal line.

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