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The Secretary
Constituency Commission
Room 1.65,
Customs House,
Dublin 1
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6th January 2017

Dear Secretary,

I wish to make the following submission that the 24 electoral divisions of North Tipperary (Lower Ormond) in the constituency of Offaly be transferred back to the constituency of Tipperary.

The people of the Lower Ormond area are extremely unhappy voting in Offaly and feel a great sense of disenfranchisement as a result. Irish people have a great affinity to place, be that parish, town and county and want to elect Dáil representatives to represent them from their own area, Tipperary is no exception to this.

North and South Tipperary County Councils amalgamated in June 2014, since then a great effort has been made to promote the county for foreign direct investment, as a tourism location both nationally and internally and to improve economic activity and employment as a single entity.

The motto 'One county One community' is at the heart of this; consequently having Lower Ormond in the Offaly constituency has greatly diminished the effectiveness of this work.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Ger Darcy