

South Mayo District Executive Fine Gael.

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A Chara,

We respectfully request the Dáil Electoral Commission to consider the following on behalf of the Fine Gael members and supporters who are currently obliged to vote in Galway West for Dáil elections.

We request that your report strongly recommends the Mayo county boundary is not breached in the drafting of constituencies for the following reasons:

1. It is administratively unwieldy, unsatisfactory and confusing to have people in this area voting in Galway West for Dáil elections and voting in the Claremorris electoral district of Mayo for local elections.
2. The geographical connection of this area of Mayo to Galway West is very minimal. The two areas only connect at the isthmus at Cong.
3. The people of this area have far less in common with the Gaeltacht areas of Connamra than with the rest of Mayo.

4. The 2016 Dáil election resulted in the election of five T.D.s from the Galway end of the constituency. The Mayo end is unlikely to ever elect a native T.D. because of the numerical imbalance. The people in this area feel totally disenfranchised by the current arrangement.

We request that you give favourable consideration to our submission.

Sinne le meas,

Michael Burke _____ (District chairman)

Tomás Grimes _____ (District vice-chairman)

Fintan Gorman _____ (District Sec)