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The Secretary,
The Constituency Commission,
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Re: Submission – Galway County Boundary

I wish to make the following submission to the Boundary Commissions as part of its review for the constituencies for election to Dail Eireann.

Following the major changes carried out by the last constituency review it is my belief that these have caused major inconvenience and disorientation to many people especially in the West and North-West part of the county. Many county boundaries were totally ignored in this review and even my own county of Galway ended up within three different constituencies. The biggest inconvenience was caused to the Eastern part of the county in the Ballinasloe area which was part of a Roscommon Galway East three seater constituency.

As the county town of Galway, Ballinasloe and its hinter land should be part of the Galway East constituency. As a public representative for the area I find the Ballinasloe Council Electorate area split down the middle between Galway East and Roscommon Galway East. This is a major inconvenience for the likes myself representing the people and an even bigger inconvenience for the people living in this part of the electoral area which is in no way affiliated to Roscommon. Actually the opposite exists as Ballinasloe would be regarded as the town for part of Southern Roscommon in areas such as Moore, Cloonfad, Taughmaconnell and Ballydangan.

I hope you look favourably on my submission and restore the Eastern part of Galway to a four seater Galway East constituency which would give the people in this area a Galway identity again and restore their affinity with their native county.

Yours Sincerely,

Cllr. Aidan Donohue.
Ballinasloe Electoral Area.