

To Whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Rathvilly Community Development Group please accept this submission in relation to the above.

As a group we would benefit from being able to be officially represented by our most local TD Pat Deering, or any of the four Kilkenny based TD's John McGuinness, JP Phelan, Bobby Aylward or Kathleen Funchion who are only 30 minutes drive away instead of Wicklow candidates who quite frankly very few pf our group can even name, who are over an hour away across the Wicklow mountains.

We identify as Carlow people, our local radio station for all of our event notifications is KCLR 96fm. Our local newspapers are Carlow based. Our funding from events comes from Carlow County Council and local Carlow people. It does not make sense for us to be voting for Wicklow candidates to represent us nationally.

We have no connection to or support from anything or anyone in Wicklow and we feel it is paramount that the county boundary be treated as the constituency boundary and wish to formally propose this.

Yours,

Melissa Faulkner
Chairperson
Rathvilly Community Development Group