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Association of Irish Local Government

Secretary

Electoral Area Boundary Review Committees

Customs House

Dublin 1

Dear Secretary

I have been requested by the President & Executive Committee of the Association to make a submission to both committees requesting that the committees complete their work as expeditiously as possible so that the recommendations can be made available to the local government community in ample time ahead of the 2019 local elections.

It is important that those with an interest in the 2019 elections have the greatest possible notice of any changes in the configuration of the electoral boundaries.

It is also requested that the Committees, when recommending names for the electoral areas, indicate names which clearly relate to the county in which the electoral area is located and which do not refer to locations outside of the county in question. Naming is important in reinforcing a sense of local identity which in turn contributes to positive voter turnout.

We wish the Committees every success in the complex task of matching the realities of maps and demographics with their terms of reference.

Yours faithfully

Liam Kenny
Director