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Secretary,
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees 2017,
Room 1.67,
Custom House,
Dublin 1,
D01 W6X0.

Submission in respect of Local Electoral Areas in County Kerry

Dear Sir/Madam,

I welcome the stated policy objective of designating urban focused local electoral areas around the larger towns. As a member of Kerry County Council and a former member of Killarney Town Council, I am very aware of the lack of urban focus since the abolition of the town councils.

While I remain strongly in favour of the restoration of town councils, I realise that the committee's remit does not allow for this consideration.

In Kerry, both Tralee and Killarney meet the criteria set out in point number 4 of the terms of reference.

I therefore submit that Local Electoral Areas in Kerry should be redefined and both Tralee and Killarney should have local electoral areas which reflect the towns and their hinterlands as closely as possible.

I believe that this is possible without major disruption to the municipal district structure.

Bearing in mind the terms of reference, I submit that the following DEDs would be appropriate for inclusion in a Killarney urban based electoral area;

DED	Population
Killarney Urban	10,826
Killarney Rural	6,952
Aghadoe	851
Kilcummin	2,090
Ballyhar	183
Muckross	835
Coolies	829
Flesk	389
Knocknahoe	319

Total	23,274

