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

Dear Secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Local Electoral Boundary Committee.

I am a member of Waterford City & County Council and am elected to the Tramore Waterford City West Local Electoral Area.

I wish to make the following points in relation to the Local Electoral Area review:

1. I don't think the amalgamation of Waterford City Council and Waterford County Council in 2014 best serves local democracy and feel that the 2 councils that previously existed was a better option.

I would ask the Committee to **change the** Tramore Waterford City West Local Electoral Boundary back to the boundary that existed for for Waterford City Ward 1 (the old Ward 1 area) and have a separate electoral area for Tramore town and its environs.

1. I think this is better for local democracy
2. The current geographical area covered by Tramore/Waterford City West is very large, and makes representing constituents difficult, whereas a smaller area will mean easier access for constituents to their councillors.

Councillor
Joe Kelly