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A Chara,

I would like to make the following recommendations in relation to the local election boundaries in Co.Roscommon.

1.The current geographic size of the LEA in Both Boyle and Roscommon is vast and some rural communities have parishes divided into two lea. For example Frenchpark and Tulsk. If rural areas are to benefit from local government it is vital parish boundaries are held intact. I further feel that electoral divisions in close proximity to Roscommon town would be better aligned to Roscommon town. I recommend that the Roscommon and Athlone areas prior to 2014 and be joined to form a 8 seat lea. The Castlerea and Strokestown areas prior to 2014 be joined to form a 7 seat lea and this area should include areas in Boyle currently voting in the new Roscommon \East Galway constituency. Finally recommend the remaining Boyle area currently part of the Sligo, leirim \Roscommon constituency be a stand alone 3 seat lea.

Best regards,
Cllr liam Callaghan.