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Cllr. Elenora Hogan

I wish to make a submission to the Local Electoral Boundary Review 2017.

I am a Fine Gael Councillor in Limerick City West.

Limerick City & County Council was formed in 2014 with the amalgamation of Limerick City Council & Limerick County Council. Within the new Council Limerick Metropolitan Area covers the City Centre, Urban Areas, and rural Suburbs of Limerick City, which was extended at the time of the merger.

Limerick Metropolitan Area comprises 3 Electoral Areas - Limerick City North with 6 representatives, Limerick City East with 8 representatives, and Limerick City West with 7 representatives. The advantage of these divisions is that each area comprises a mixture of former City & County Council Areas. Each area also comprises areas of Social Inclusion as well as a Rural Balance. This has helped with the unification process, and the City & County Council now works better for having the balance.

To adhere to the terms of the Commission which states Municipal Districts should be between 5 and 7 seats it will be necessary to change the current situation pertaining in Limerick City.

To minimise changes a possible solution is three 7 seaters which would involve the moving of 4 DEDs from City East (8) to City North (6). These 4 DEDs are Abbey C, Abbey D, Singland A and Market.

The move would allow for 3 areas each with 7 seats with no change to City West .

Limerick City - Current Situation

Population 104,952

Seats 21

Pop per Cllr 4,997

+10% 5,552

-10% 4,497

3 Municipal Districts

	Seats	Pop	Pop per Cllr
Limerick City East	8	41,160	5,147
Limerick City North	6	28,896	4,816
Limerick City West	7	34,896	4,987

My proposal for the new proposed structure would be as follows:

There would be three Municipal Districts comprising 7 seats each.

Limerick City East 7 Seats

-Less -DEDs of Abbey C, Abbey D, Singland A & Market (move to City North)

- Total Pop moved 5,818

New Pop – 35,342 (5,048 per Cllr)

Limerick City North 7 Seats

Addition of DEDs ,Abbey C, Abbey D, Singland A & Market -(from City East)

Total Pop 5,818

New Pop – 34,714 (4,959 per Cllr)

Limerick City West – 7 Seats

No Change

New Municipal Districts

	Seats	Pop	Pop per Cllr
Limerick City East	7	35,342	5,048
Limerick City North	7	34,714	4,959
Limerick City West	7	34,896	4,987

This would ensure 3 Municipal Districts within the terms of the Commission, namely Municipal District between 5 and 7 seats.

The advantage of this proposal is that it maintains the situation where all three Electoral Areas include part of the City Centre and also a Rural element. It also causes minimum change, which is a significant factor given that 2014 was such a major upheaval for the population of the the Metropolitan Area particularly. This radical change has taken several years to settle down, and relieve the concerns of the population in the Electoral Areas.

The whole process has been a significant milestone for the City and County Areas, has taken a lot of effort from Public Representatives, and is still new to the population. This is why there is an argument in favor of no majorly significant changes in the forthcoming review.

Thank you for reading my submission, and I hope my arguments will assist you in your deliberations.

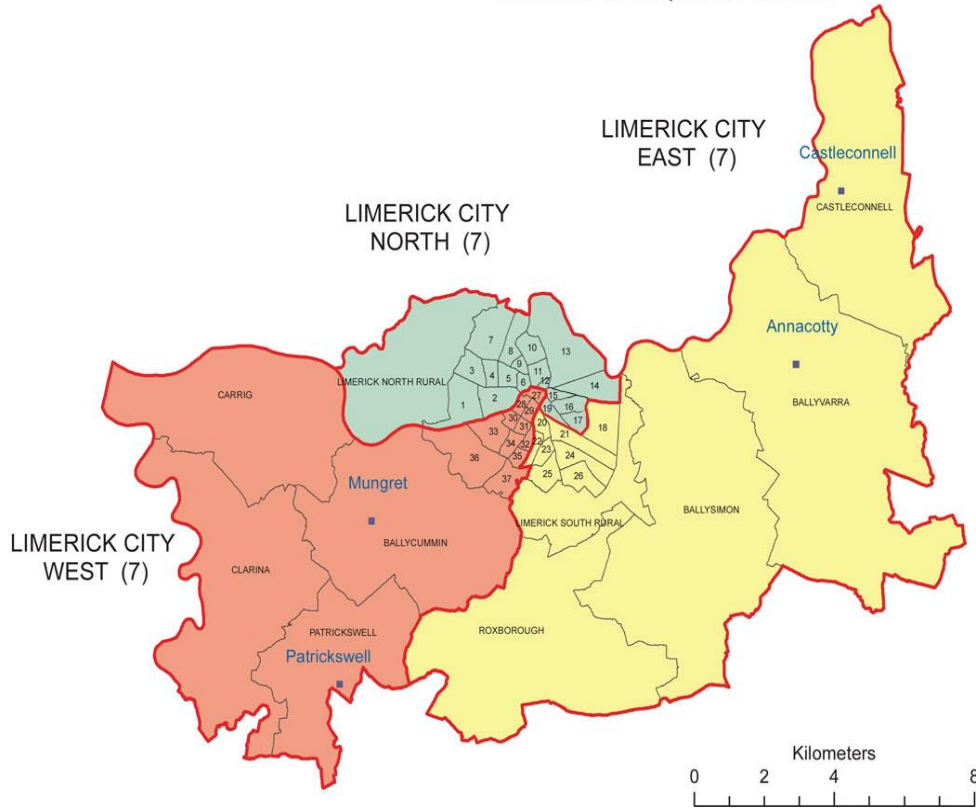
Yours sincerely,

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Limerick Metropolitan District

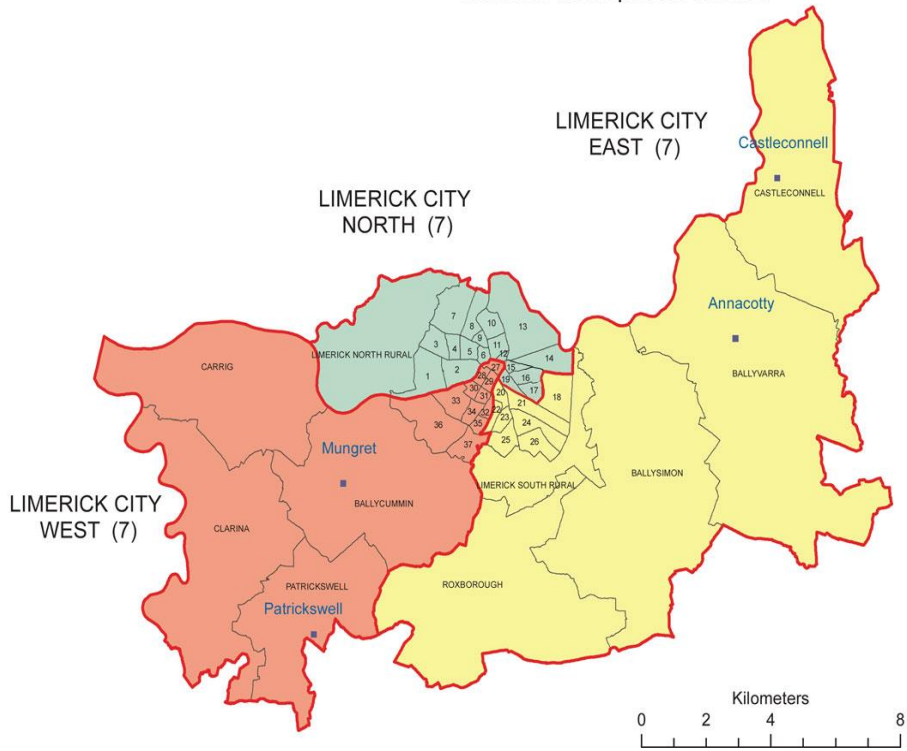


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- 12 John's C
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- 22 Glentworth C
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- 25 Rathbane
- 26 Galvone B
- 27 Custom House
- 28 Shannon A
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- 30 Dock A
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- 32 Prospect A
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