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The Charleville Fine Gael Branch wish to make a submission in respect of the Cork County Boundaries.

In the current situation the Northern part of the county is divided into two LEAs Fermoy and Kanturk-Mallow with each area having 6 seats. Both these LEAs are far too large. We would propose that the Boundaries would revert back to the 2009 Boundaries which would see the area been divided into 3 LEAs each with 5 seats:

This is broken down as follows:

Kanturk pop 27,792 - 4.7 Seats  
Mallow pop 33,774 - 5.6 Seats  
Fermoy pop 30,110 - 5.0 Seats

This would, I believe, keep within the guidelines given.

This proposed change would result in Charleville been once again joined with its neighboring market towns such as Kanturk, Newmarket and Freemount where there has been a very long connection within this area. This is a more natural alliance than the enforced connection with Mitchelstown and Fermoy that was artificially created with the 2014 Boundaries. The current situation which sees Fermoy district stretching from Watergrasshill on the outskirts of Cork City to Charleville on the Limerick border 70km away is not feasible and does not allow for adequate representation in such a large area.

It is an 80km drive from Ballynoe to Newtownshandrum where there is no logical affinity or allegiance.

We would ask that you give due consideration to our proposal.

Regards

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