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To whom it may concern

As one of nine public representatives for the Inishowen Municipal District, Co Donegal, I wish to make the following recommendation to the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee:

I am proposing that Inishowen Municipal District be divided into two electoral areas with five seats in the south and four in the north. Buncrana is in south Inishowen and is the largest town in the Inishowen Peninsula and it is the second largest town in Donegal. Including its environs Buncrana has a population of over 9,000 people and had a Town council up until May 2014.

I am asking that the DED's of Desertegney, Mintiaghs and Illies be included in the South Inishowen electoral area as Buncrana is their closest town. People residing in these 3 DED's their children attend secondary school in Buncrana as it is the closest school. People in these 3 DED's attend the parish church in Cockhill, Buncrana, which is the closest church and these people do their shopping in Buncrana. It would not make any practical sense to have these 3 DED's anywhere except in the South Inishowen Electoral area. The doctors surgeries, Garda station and the Community hospital serving those 3 areas are in Buncrana.

I would also stress the strong links that the community in the DED's of Castleforward, Burt, Fahan, Birdstown and Inch Island have to the town of Buncrana, ie services that I have mentioned above in the previous 3 DED's. I believe common sense would say that these DED's must remain within the same boundary.

For the very same reasons I propose that the Three Trees and Kilderry DED's also remain within the same electoral area due to strong links the community in the village of Muff have to Buncrana and South Inishowen.

I would appreciate if my proposals are taken on board for these genuine reasons.

Yours sincerely

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