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To whom it may concern.

I am a councillor in the Comeragh constituency in Waterford. This constituency is extremely rural and is comprised of six councillors. It is the smallest constituency in the county, there are eight councillors in the Dungarvan-Lismore constituency whilst the Metropolitan area comprises eighteen councillors. From a funding perspective I believe we are somewhat restrained and believe there would be a more even spread if the boundary commission considered increasing the number of seats in Comeragh. The geographical spread of population also dictates the need for more representation from this area. At present the constituency stretches from Ballymacarbry to Kilmeaden, almost 50kms. Waterford City and County councils were amalgamated in 2014 with great success, however I believe there ought to be consideration given to an increase in rural constituency representation which would address the imbalance between city and county.

Regards,

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