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## Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees

Dear Secretary,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Local Electoral Boundary Committee.

I am a member of **Dublin** City Council and am elected to the Clontarf Ward / Dublin North Central Local Electoral Area.

I wish to make the following points in relation to the **Clontarf Ward** Local Electoral Area:

I believe that as far as Wards go it's important to keep specific areas / towns together and not split them in two if possible. When an area is split ... It can fall between 2 stones and councillor's don't often give a split area the attention it deserves

EG at the moment Fairview / Marino are both in the Clontarf Ward .... but due to a general election border change most ( not all ) of Fairview is moving to Dublin Central constituency .... with the remainder of Marino Fairview staying in Dublin Bay North. ( my own home has already been moved to Dublin Central so I am relatively unbiased.)

I think therefore that this remaining area of Marino / Fairview should not be further sub-divided but remain together in Clontarf Ward.

I also feel that Marino / Fairview community area should remain with the Clontarf community Area as both areas share similar characteristics .... both in buffer zone of Dublin Bay Biosphere ( at the moment our Dublin Bay Biosphere is split over 3 city councils and several wards) ... there is not good for this area with too many cooks etc .

Also Fairview / Marino / Clontarf share a Cycleway due to be constructed .. Alfie Byrne Road to Amien's St .... I really do feel that it would be better for these areas if they remained together ...

I imagine the area might be 3 five seaters and if this is the case I believe the areas / wards should be split east to west instead of north to south .... I believe this will ensure similar communities are in the same ward.

Thank you for reading my Submission and good luck with your job

Kind Regards

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Clontarf Ward