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To: Waterford Boundary Committee

I would like to express my strong opposition to any proposal to extend the boundary of Co. Waterford into Co. Kilkenny. I do so for the following reasons:

I am very proud of my identity as a Kilkenny person. This is something that I do not want to lose. Any extension of the boundary will take away that sense of belonging to County Kilkenny which all of us living in the county feel strongly about. Part of that identity is the heritage and culture associated with that part of south Kilkenny which is under consideration by the committee. I am strongly opposed to that part of South Kilkenny moving into a different County and Province.

1. Kilkenny will potentially suffer the loss of a significant amount of land and of population if there is a boundary alteration which will as a consequence result in a significant financial loss now and into the future.
2. The financial loss to the revenues of County Kilkenny as a result of the loss of this population and economic base will greatly impact on the provision of services and infrastructure in the South Kilkenny area. For example, the monies received from the Department of the Environment for road surfacing and maintenance will be reduced from the potential amount given the projected decrease in population. The road network in Kilkenny will thus be starved of funding vital to the sense of safety and well being of local people. There will be a huge loss of rates, LPT Tax, planning and development contributions and other fees and charges to County Kilkenny .
3. I am very proud and content to live in Co. Kilkenny.

FURTHER COMMENTS:
