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Boundary Review Between Waterford City & Co. Council & Kilkenny County Council.

To the Boundary review commission,

I'm aware that there is a committee set up by Minister Alan Kelly to review the boundary between Waterford & Kilkenny resulting in what would be a gain in many extremes for Waterford & an equally measured loss for Kilkenny.

I believe Kilkenny would lose the following if the boundary were to change

- €2.1 Million in Rates (11% of Total Rates income for Kilkenny)
- Reduction in Local Property Tax revenue re deployed back into Kilkenny (approx. €412,000)
- Further loss of rates from future development opportunities that are available in the environs of the proposed area of the boundary line change.
- There are 190ha of undeveloped Industrial zoned land in & around @ Belview Port. This represents opportunities of a substantial income stream which would be then lost to Kilkenny County & which can be earmarked for other investment in other areas of Kilkenny.
- There will also be significant revenue lost from opportunity to develop new houses in the area & thus acquiring additional LPT
- With significant reductions in Revenue extracted if such a boundary change were to go in favour of Waterford, Kilkenny will have far less opportunities to maintain its status as one of the main hub centres for new businesses to set up here & tourism to grow.

I strongly oppose any such boundary change as I believe the impact on Kilkenny will be unduly negative to its future development and adds nothing to Waterford which can't be achieved through cooperation between the councils. The councils currently work well together why jeprodise that relationship with such a divisive course of action?