The Secretariat, Waterford Boundary Review, c/o Kilkenny Co. Council County Hall, John Street. Kilkenny. R95 A39T

DATE; 27th Dec. 2015.

Re Proposed Waterford Boundary Review/Extension into Co. Kilkenny.

Dear Sirs,

I wish to express my strongly opposition to any proposal to move the existing boundary and I write to offer my views & opinions regarding the proposed extension of Waterford Boundary into South Kilkenny.

In addition to the attached two page submission, I wish to comment as follows.

I understand that Waterford City Council did not make this request. It was the "Initiated" by Minister Paudie Coffey (Waterford) who in turn "sold the idea" to Minister Alan Kelly (Tipperary), both Ministers living in adjacent (Munster) counties to Kilkenny & in my opinion both with personal agenda's to promote themselves and improve their re-election prospects given a General Election is presently imminent.

In my opinion is a shameful (end of Dail Term) "abuse of power" by both Ministers. If you compare the Population, Area & Rates Income availability of Counties Kilkenny via that of Co. Waterford - it appears to me a disgraceful & Inappropriate act by both Ministers" to disadvantage of the Smaller County (Kilkenny) by increasing the Population, Area & "Rates Income" of the Larger County Waterford.

I would also ask you to consider The Greater Dublin Area where a number of constituencies meet. They do not seek to "Land Grab" from each other – Instead they co-operate & work together at these boundaries for the benefit of residents & businesses on both sides. My question to you is - Why then is this a problem for Waterford here in the South East ??

I cannot help but compare this proposed "Takeover" to that of Russian President Vladimir Putin's recent takeover of The Crimea Region of the Ukraine. It is the actions of a Bully abusing his Greater Power and Strength to takeover a "Valuable Asset" – with total disregard for the weaker Victim Area.

I earnestly ask you to totally reject any proposed Boundary Extension.

Regards & Thanks,

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