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Area in which you reside. Specific addresses are not needed. Kilkenny City

Question 1 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the retention or creation of employment and the general economic performance of the area? Refer to Kilkenny County Council submission

Question 2 How might the alteration of the boundary help or hinder the identity or cohesion of local communities in the area? Fatally

Question 3 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder delivery of services by local government to ensure that the needs of the local community are met now and in the future? Refer to Kilkenny County Council submission

Question 4 How might alteration of the administrative boundary help or hinder the need to maximise efficiency and value for money in local government? Refer to Kilkenny County Council submission

Question 5 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the Planning and Development needs, as administered by the local authority, of the community? Refer to Kilkenny County Council submission

Question 6 How might alteration of the boundary help or hinder the delivery of effective and accountable democratic representation? Refer to Kilkenny County Council submission

Question 7 What strengths or weaknesses do you see in current local authority administrative boundary arrangements in the area? Refer to Kilkenny County Council submission

Is there anything else you wish to add ? As you have NOT included a question on how the proposed extension would affect the County of Kilkenny as a whole, I assume you don't care.

The area involved is about 1% of the area of County Kilkenny, and the population affected is about 6% of its population. This is a staggering excision, to be made, it seems in total disregard of its effect on our County.

See, a county isn't an area which exists merely - nor even principally - to serve the convenience of Public Administration. Counties, in fact, existed before any such administrative structures even came into existence.

Which is why our County is a place that commands, and in general receives, our affections and loyalties in both a personal and collective manner. It is literally, our home place; it is a place in our hearts.

This proposed mutilation is monstrous and wounding. I hope that Kilkenny people will not accede quietly to this monstrous diminution of our county, but vigorously reject it.

It is insulting and disrespectful to the people and county of Kilkenny. We cannot allow this, the latest insult, devised solely to sate the appetite and serve the convenience of an external administration that has never cared one iota for Kilkenny, to go unchallenged.

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