To: Waterford Boundary Committee

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

1 I am very proud of my identity as a Kilkenny person. This is something that I do not wish to lose. This proposal will take away that sense of belonging to County Kilkenny which all of us living in the county feel very strongly about.

2 There have been many examples of cooperation between Kilkenny County Council and the former Waterford City Council plus the newly formed Waterford City and County Council.

- The relocation of portal activities at Belview has improved the cityscape of Waterford city.
- A €10,000,000 water services investment in the region that supports increased housing and portal business activities.
- Also the Wastewater Treatment Plant is located at Gorteens in County Kilkenny. This means that such facility did not have to be installed in the urban environment of Waterford.
- Kilkenny County Council were actively involved cooperating with Waterford in the delivery of transport infrastructure.

3 There are huge financial implications for all of County Kilkenny if the boundary proposal is advanced. There will be a huge loss of rates, LPT Tax, planning and development contributions and other fees and charges to County Kilkenny.

4 The population of the Piltown Municipal District is approx. 23,600. The Municipal District of Tramore and Waterford City West has a population of approx. 22,900. If the proposal goes through it will more than likely mean that citizens would transfer from the Piltown Municipal District to the Tramore and Waterford City West Municipal District therefore unbalancing the population of the Municipal Districts which is totally at odds with current local government policy.

5 I am very content living in County Kilkenny. I have no wish to live within Waterford City.

FURTHER COMMENTS:

I CAN SEE NO REASON OR BENEFIT DERIVING FROM THIS PROPOSED CHANGE SO I AM TOTALLY AGAINST SUCH A MOVE — I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT OUR COUNTRY NEEDS GREAT ATTENTION ON MUCH MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS & NOT THE SELF INDULGENT ASPIRATIONS OF A FEW INDIVIDUALS

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