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RE: Ireland 2040 Plan Submission

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make the following points in relation to the Ireland 2040 Plan:

1. I strongly support the proposed boundary extension for Waterford city and the findings of the boundary commission. The report by the boundary commission explains excellently the case for the extension so there is no need to repeat it here. Other than to say please do not be swayed by the frankly pathetic nonsense coming from sections in Kilkenny e.g “Act of war”, “breaking up communities”, “stealing land” and other such crap.
2. If government is serious about aiding Waterford city to develop it has to involve action beyond soundbites. It will take actions like:
 - 2.1. WIT being upgraded to full university status
 - 2.2. The regional IDA director being restored
 - 2.3. Addressing infrastructure deficits e.g. N24 western corridor
 - 2.4. Generally receiving an equal share of resources which like for like Waterford city presently does not.

By addressing the above points there is no reason that Waterford city could not achieve the objectives of the Ireland 2040 Plan.

Yours Faithfully,

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