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(Via e-mail to npf@housing.gov.ie)

DATE; Tue. 14th March 2017.

Re – My Opposition to Proposed Waterford Boundary Extension into Co. Kilkenny.

Dear Minister Coveney,

I wish to express my **Strong Opposition** to the Boundary Review Committee recommendation to move the existing boundary and I write to offer my views & opinions regarding the proposed extension of Waterford Boundary into South Kilkenny.

I wish to comment as follows.

On this occasion the initial request was not made by Waterford City Council.

It was first Initiated & (leaked to Local Radio Media) by the then Minister Paudie Coffey (Waterford) who in turn “sold the idea” to then 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 was imminent at that time.

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

I would refer you 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 all sides.

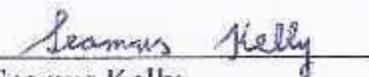
My question is - Why is co-operation a problem for Waterford here in the South East ??

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 steal/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,


Seamus Kelly,

