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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am emailing you in response to your advertisement calling for submissions for the next European Elections Irish constituency boundaries, placed in the Sunday Business Post Newspaper on the 29 July 2018.

Central to my proposal is the philosophy of equality of 1 person 1 vote. I think a fair democracy counts all votes regardless of constituency equally.

In my opinion all votes cast all over Ireland should be equally important and have equal representation.

Therefore I propose that the 13 Member of the European Parliament (MEP) Seats be distributed as follows;

Constituency Name:

1. Dublin
2. East
3. Connaught-Ulster
4. Munster

4 constituencies, the largest constituency in Ireland by electorate will have 4 seats followed by the other 3 proposed constituencies that have 3.

I think the constituency names speak for themselves. But here is my proposed makeup of each constituency.

1. Dublin City/County
2. All counties in the Province of Leinster except for Dublin.
3. All Counties in the provinces of Connaught and Ulster in the Republic Of Ireland.
4. All Counties in the Province of Munster.

This keeps the constituencies relatively small compared to the massive constituencies that we currently have that are crossing over 3 provincial boundaries (eg. Midlands North-West from counties Louth-Galway-Downgal)

In my opinion this constituency is far too big and making them smaller will very healthy for Irish Democracy.

Thanks for reading my submission, I wish you and the commission well on your work, and I look forward to the publication of the report.

Yours faithfully,
Mark Larkin.