

To whom it may concern,

I warmly welcome the proposed changes to clean up and modernise the electoral register.

Using PPS numbers, for example, would help to eliminate inaccuracies and duplication.

This would protect the one-person-one-vote principle from the current risk of one person voting more than once.

This would also result in accurate voter turnout data. Political science and political equality would benefit from reliable information.

Also, correct statistics would enable efforts to target those who are eligible but not registered to vote or who are registered but do not turn out to vote. Maximising participation in the democratic and electoral process is important for political, economic and social equality.

The proposal to include homeless people is especially progressive and welcome. I am sure politicians and political parties will review their housing and homelessness policies for the benefit of people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless following this change.

Similarly, there is a related opportunity to add people's Éircodes to their registered addresses. I have experienced an issue with more than one Litir um Thoghchán (LUT) arriving at my rural dwelling.

Using Éircodes enables one LUT per household instead of one LUT per voter. Unfortunately my rural dwelling receives one LUT for each of its three registered voters instead of one LUT shared between us.

This issue should be corrected alongside the proposed changes to clean up and modernise the electoral register. Minimising the number of LUTs printed and distributed saves the public finances for better use elsewhere.

Thank you for reading this submission.

Kind regards,

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