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**Review Of Nomenclature Of Units For Territorial Statistics (Nuts) Boundaries
2012 Consultation Response.**

I am writing to raise my objection to proposals within the above review to remove the islands of Arran and Cumbrae, from the Highland and Islands EU administrative area and into South West Scotland.

Removing Arran and Cumbrae from the Highland and Islands would result in these being the only islands in Scotland not included in that EU administrative area. This would result in it having a very different regulatory framework and funding streams from every other Island in Scotland.

This move could result in Arran and the Cumbrae's receiving less structural funding, which could have a knock on effect on the Islands infrastructure and while it may make administrative sense on paper it doesn't in practice.

I wish to register my strong objections to this proposal and would urge the Scottish Government to retain Arran and Cumbrae within the Highland and Islands EU administrative area so that all islands are treated equally.

Regards

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