

ANNEX E - CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

NUTS boundaries are used for reporting of regional statistics to Eurostat and those statistics are used to inform regional policy. The Scottish Government is proposing to make minimal changes beyond aligning existing NUTS boundaries to Local Authority Boundaries.

Do you have any comments on the Scottish Governments proposals for NUTS 2 regions?

Comments

I find it inconceivable that any sane or intelligent person should consider removing Cumbrae and Arran from an area in which they belong economically, culturally and socially. Islands have unique problems and advantages and must be kept together and treated as one body. Islands understand that they have particular differences whereas within South West Scotland we would be lost, forgotten and discounted.

Please leave us as we are and let us enjoy living in a special place – do not move us and make us struggle for an unhappy survival.

I can't understand the logic in the proposed changes, Cumbrae and Arran haven't stopped being islands last time I looked. It can't be distance from the mainland as Arran isn't nearer than Mull and Skye is positively close to the mainland and has a bridge. so doesn't have the difficulties of islands that it once had. I hope common sense prevails,

Delete and use your own words.

Do you have any comments on the Scottish Governments proposals for NUTS

3 regions?

Comments

NONE

Eurostat have requested we consider merging the Highlands & Islands with North Eastern Scotland to create a new area that's closer to the recommended population thresholds. The Scottish Government plan to request that these areas should be allowed an exemption under Article 3 (5) of the NUTS Regulations, i.e. because of particular geographical, socio-economic, historical, cultural or environmental circumstances, especially in the islands and the outermost regions.

Please provide any evidence in favour of or against an exemption under Article 3 (5) of the NUTS Regulations for Highlands & Islands and North Eastern Scotland NUTS 2 areas?

Comments

NONE

Eurostat have suggested that the Scottish Governments proposals for NUTS 3 should include merging Moray with Argyll & Bute Local Authority to create an area that meets their recommended population ranges.

Please provide any evidence in favour of or against an exemption under Article 3 (5) of the NUTS Regulations for the proposed Moray and Argyll & Bute NUTS 3 areas?

Comments

NONE