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NPF Submissions,
Forward Planning Section,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Ireland 2040.

I am a chartered accountant in practice in Thurles, Co. Tipperary.

I was looking over the document "Ireland 2040 Our Plan" and would like to put forward the following items for consideration by the Forward Planning Section in the context of Co. Tipperary.

1. Serious **upgrade of Nenagh-Thurles road R498** to national route status to enhance connectivity within the county following unification.
2. Over time, plan for streamlining of **County Council Head Office function** by centralising it in Thurles, having just one main location.
3. Location of a **national acute emergency trauma surgery hospital** in either Thurles (excellent road M8 and rail connections) or Cashel (excellent road M8 connections). There would be numerous benefits which I can expand on if requested.
4. Development of a **green energy hub** at former site of Lisheen Mines.
5. Amend gaming and licensing laws to allow proposed "**Tipperary Venue**" including associated hotel development.
6. Funding for upgrade of the **Premier Ballroom in Thurles** to provide Tipperary and adjacent counties with a theatre with a seating capacity of about 1000.
7. Level playing field for business (local shop competing with internet sales) by allowing **credit against Taxes for rates paid** to the Local Authority, much like the credit for rates on agricultural land in the late 70s.

Yours sincerely,



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