

NO MEANS NO



THE GOVERNMENT HAS IGNORED THE WILL OF THE IRISH PEOPLE BY CALLING A SECOND REFERENDUM ON THE LISBON TREATY. WE EXPLAIN WHY YOU SHOULD STILL VOTE NO!

EMPTY LIES AND PROMISES

Some people may be aware of some vague promises on such issues as maintaining Ireland's Commissioner. It must be pointed out that these promises do not equal legally binding guarantees. Declarations carry no legal weight. As far as being legally binding declarations are not worth the paper they are written on and frankly neither do promises. All this aside the issue of a commissioner was well down the list of priorities as to why people voted no in June 2008.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Previously public services like health care and education being put out to private tender and the mercy of the market was on many working class peoples minds and influenced the way they voted last time. This could well happen if Lisbon is passed. Big business controlling your health. We have recently seen how these people have made a mess of the economy imagine you or your family's health placed in the same greedy profit seeking hands! Could the government be cutting back on public service expenditure in anticipation of a yes vote on Lisbon? Make sure it doesn't happen. Stand up for our public services.

WORKERS RIGHTS

We hear much of the charter on human rights if Lisbon is passed. Don't be fooled by this one. These rights are very much subject to the interests of business being serviced first and many are already in place under national law. Article 28 does support collective bargaining in the workplace and the right to strike. However this must be taken against the background of legislation giving the employers the right to conduct their own business without interference including bringing in strike breakers. In other words the right of the individual to break a strike and cross picket lines takes precedence over the democratic will of the majority who would be on strike. Once again this puts the interests of the employer over and above those of the worker.

SOVEREIGNTY

The Lisbon Treaty, if passed and ratified, will take precedence over the Irish Constitution, already arguably being mocked by virtue of the fact that we are having a second referendum on the same treaty already rejected, rendering the constitution virtually invalid and redundant. The charter on fundamental rights will remain an aspiration as opposed to a fait accompli. Don't be fooled by this double talk. The Lisbon Treaty takes power further away from the Irish people.

NEUTRALITY

If Lisbon is accepted and ratified it will mean closer links with NATO and a further dent in Ireland's already tenuous military neutrality.

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