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People's Movement doubts implications of poll

Kevin McCorry, the secretary of the South East region of the People's Movement has claimed that if the findings of today's Red C poll are to be believed there is increasing support for the government's policy of higher taxes and cut-backs in public spending and public services over a short three-year period as demanded by the European Central Bank.

The poll also suggests that there is growing support for the NAMA scheme whereby Irish taxpayers take on the bad debts of Irish private banks in the hope that these banks will start lending money again to businesses and customers. Again this scheme is being pushed by the EU Commission, the European Central Bank and the German government.

A 'No' vote for Lisbon would represent one sure way to save the country from NAMA and bring down the current disastrous government.

In party political terms, Mr Cowan's government will be the only beneficiary of a 'Yes' vote for Lisbon and this is recognised by both Fine Gael and Labour. It is for this reason that both parties seem to be merely going through the campaigning motions and show little enthusiasm for a treaty that Mr Gilmore said was dead in the water not so long ago.

For our part, as an organisation meeting people on their doorstep and talking through issues with them, the almost universal mood that we have found is one of sullen rage against the golden circle of politicians, bankers, developers and top civil servants that has brought about the current situation and is pushing to contemptuously overturn the clearly expressed will of the people.

Minister Martin is correct to warn his supporters against complacency.

The South East region of the People's Movement will be holding meetings in the Harbour View Hotel, Rosslare Harbour on Monday, September 14th at 8.00 p.m., Teach Dolmen, Carlow on September 16th, and Club House Hotel, Kilkenny on September 21st. There will also be People's Movement speakers at meetings in Waterford on September 15th and Dungarvan on September 22nd. A further list of meetings will be announced as it becomes available. All are welcome.

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