

## **An Irish Citizen's Manifesto**

### **Why I will not vote for Fianna Fáil or the Progressive Democrats:**

1. Because you supported the invasion of Iraq though your support for the US military at Shannon airport – you voted to support the war on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003, against the will of the majority of the Irish people.
2. Because you have shamed the country by turning a blind eye to the fact that US planes involved in the unlawful abduction and illegal detention of people have landed at Shannon airport.
3. Because after 10 years in government, at the richest time in our recent history, you have still not sorted out the health system so that sick people have access to appropriate medical treatment.
4. Because it can take 6 months to a year to get out-patient appointments for diagnostic procedures for potentially life-changing illnesses and diseases.
5. Because there are only a handful of neurologists in the country and even people with serious degenerative brain conditions cannot get diagnosis and treatment until it is too late.
6. Because you have given away millions of euros of Irish people's money to bail out the religious orders who raped and abused Irish children.
7. Because you have wasted millions of euros of Irish people's money on electronic voting machines that are completely useless and expert advice would have told you this if you looked for it prior to commissioning them.
8. Because you spent €200 million of Irish people's money on the mismanaged PARS project and have still ended up with a useless piece of software.
9. Because you ignored all national and international experts about the unrivalled historical value of the entire Tara landscape and enacted legislation to give you the power to allow ignorant Ministers to destroy our priceless and unique heritage. Tara is not just a hill; it is a complete landscape of unique historical value!
10. Because you sold off Eircom and Aer Lingus - they belonged to the Irish people, not you.
11. Because you have shown complete disregard for the safety of the people whose land the Corrib gas pipeline was due to go through.
12. Because you stood by and let five men go to jail for 3 months for trying to protect the lives of their families.
13. Because you have stood by and watched the Gardai viciously assault innocent people on the roads of Mayo - if people break the law, they should be arrested, charged and dealt with by our judicial system, not brutally beaten by Gardai.

14. Because you are building private hospitals on public grounds instead of spending the time, energy, and resources improving the public hospitals and health system for all people not just the rich.
15. Because you build roads instead of public transport.
16. Because you favour building motorways where the capacity is nowhere near that indicated by best international practice.
17. Because you expect us to pay to travel on the roads of our own country.
18. Because money seems to be the own value system you have.
19. Because there are a pitiful number of drug treatment places for heroin addicts.
20. Because our prisons are full of heroin addicts because of this.
21. Because you have wasted millions of Irish people's money contesting the rights of children to have access to appropriate education and have sentenced countless autistic children to a life of isolation and misery.
22. Because you have not made any serious efforts to limit the country's carbon emissions and are going to incur millions of euros of fines on the country.
23. Because of Terence Wheelock and Brian Rossiter and the disregard shown to their families.
24. Because of the culture of corruption, deceit, negligence and cover-up that exists in the Garda force (see the Morris Tribunal reports) and which has largely been ignored by your party.
25. Because you have ignored the International Court of Justice's ruling the separation wall built by Israel is illegal under International Law.
26. Because you have ignored the terrible suffering of the Palestinian people as they are crushed by an occupying force that controls their movements, and their access to food, water, education, work and hospitals.
27. Because you cut off aid to the Palestinian government who were democratically voted in by the people.
28. Because you have not taken action to help the people of Darfur.