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Lisbon: the Irish People "smell a rat"

Patricia McKenna (former Green Party MEP and chairperson of the People's Movement) said today in response to the onslaught of attacks in recent days by so-called democrats and their big business friends:

"Mr de Rossa and his new friends in the yes campaign are in a state of panic because their private polling and canvassing is showing the Irish people are not being conned or bullied into agreeing to a treaty that will take Europe in the direction of a federal state where big business rather than the people are sovereign."

"Unlike Mr de Rossa I never voted against respecting the outcome of this referendum. Mr de Rossa and his new big business allies are in for a lesson in democracy from the Irish people on behalf of the 483 million Europeans who have been denied a vote in this deceitful treaty. My record in the parliament is without marks unlike Mr de Rossa."

"The yes campaign is an unholy alliance fronted by some of the most incompetent politicians in Europe with big business and the EU Commission demanding a yes vote."

"I have never been so proud of the Irish people, in the face of huge pressure and media manipulation they smell a rat and I am certain that on June 12<sup>th</sup> they will in huge numbers vote NO to protect the European project and Irish independence."

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