

## ZOMBIE BANKS PUT BEFORE PEOPLE'S NEEDS ...BROUGHAN



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The bailout of dead banks by the Fianna Fail/Green government continues to haemorrhage billions of euros at the same time as families across Ireland suffer an unbearable burden of cutbacks and massive debt. €22 billion of public money may be pumped into Anglo Irish Bank alone because of the government's blanket bank guarantee which the Labour Party stood alone in opposing in September 2008 in Dáil Éireann. So for at least the next ten years the Irish government will take €2 billion out of the budget each year just to keep this one casino bank afloat.

While Fianna Fail and the Greens go ahead with bailing out zombie banks and top bankers, ordinary people will face more cutbacks, more job losses and new and unacceptable stealth taxes on water and other essential services.

For Labour, an orderly wind-down of

the obsolete banks at the lowest cost possible should be the priority. Creating and protecting jobs is also Labour's key aim. Labour's plan for saving Irish jobs includes immediate national programmes on: public transport and roads reinstatement; house insulation and school pre-fab

replacement; flood relief, broadband and water infrastructure; a new deal on re-training and business start-up options for the newly unemployed; getting credit flowing through Labour's proposed Strategic Investment Bank; and ending the ban on upward only rents.

## CLONGRIFFIN STATION FINALLY OPENS!



Tommy Broughan warmly welcomed the belated opening of Clongriffin DART station for the residents of Clongriffin, The Coast, Baldoyle, the new North Fringe and the wider Donaghmede area. Tommy attended the opening with the local Labour team including Cllr. Sean Kenny, Cllr. Cian O'Callaghan, Cllr. Peter Coyle, Area Rep Brian McDowell, and Cllr. Killian Forde.

The station was opened by Labour Lord Mayor of Dublin City Cllr. Emer Costello and Labour Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Ciaran Byrne. "Labour has strongly

supported the campaign for more than 8 years for this essential rail service" said Deputy Broughan who proposed the station in 1999.

