



United
Unionists
The People with a Heart for Ulster

Your Best Guarantee *for the Future of Northern Ireland*



ASSEMBLY ELECTION MANIFESTO 1998

Vote DUP - *Your Best Guarantee*

Your Best Guarantee- *for a real democratic future*

A strong Royal Ulster Constabulary

The future of the RUC is under grave threat. A strong RUC, along with RIR, is still needed to protect our country. The IRA has not gone away. We guarantee to oppose attempts to put policing in the hands of paramilitaries. Your security depends upon it.



No Cross-border executive bodies

Under the Agreement all-Ireland structures are proposed, in which unionists will always be a permanent minority. Dublin interference in Ulster's affairs is planned to increase and intensify. We will not collude with others to set up the embryo of a United Ireland. Northern Ireland's future is safe in our hands.

A real need for actual decommissioning

Illegal weapons retained by terrorists are a real threat to your security. The Government and UUP leaders made promises on decommissioning which they have broken. We will use our votes in the Assembly to insist on real and actual decommissioning and the dismantling of the terror machines.



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Justice demands that terrorists stay in

All decent people recoil with moral contempt at the prospect of the mass release of those who have murdered and maimed the innocent, whilst the RUC is to be demoralised and disarmed. You have been given assurances by Tony Blair and others. We can be trusted to ensure these pledges are not sidelined.



No terrorists in government

*Unrepentant and unreconstructed terrorists should not be in government with control over your life. The leader of the UUP said he would not sit down with IRA/Sinn Fein. In fact, he went further by entering into an Agreement with IRA/Sinn Fein under which he is pledged to work in Government alongside them!
(See the first page of the Agreement)*

A truly United Kingdom

We demand, as British citizens, equality of treatment, the protection of our lives, persons and property. We reject the erosion of British sovereignty through the abolition of the Government of Ireland Act. We seek the return of a democratic and accountable Government, free from domination by violent political terrorists.



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Official Unionist Party divided and squabbling

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Your Best Guarantee of holding Tony Blair to his pledges: A Strong, United DUP Team

Solemn pledges from Blair and Trimble already crumbling

Our pressure resulted in Tony Blair giving pledges to you before the Referendum. We are your best guarantee to ensure these pledges are fulfilled. Already the government is trying to wriggle off the hook. They want to let terrorists out of prison without any linkage to the actual handing in of illegal weapons. Don't let them get away with breaking their promises again - we won't!



Playing for time... legislation delayed

Why won't the government let you see the legislation to implement Blair's pledges on IRA arms and Sinn Fein in government **now**? They will wait until after the election so that you will have voted before their pledge-breaking is exposed.

Who will partner IRA/Sinn Fein in a Northern Ireland government?

Under the Agreement, Trimble and other Unionist "Yes men" are prepared to work with IRA/Sinn Fein in government even without prior decommissioning. They once said "No talks with Sinn Fein." Now it's "more power for Sinn Fein."



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The DUP is the party that cares about you, your family and your future. In the Assembly we will be putting your needs first - that's guaranteed. Our record in local Government is unsurpassed. We have combined low rates with high quality services. We will carry that same effective approach into the new Assembly.



Health

We are committed to looking after your interests in a caring health service, responsive to local needs. We are pledged to providing health care free to all.



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Employment

Jobs have been destroyed and opportunities wrecked by years of terrorism. Our priority is to rebuild and invest in your future. Fair and full employment is our goal.

Agriculture

Your guarantee for the future is not the words of others but the actions of the DUP. We will work to restore the fortunes of the rural community by tireless work on behalf of Ulster's premier industry.

Environmental Issues

You care about your country and the quality of life in your locality. Nothing should be allowed to destroy our natural environment. The DUP is your guarantee of a better quality of life.

Housing

Decreasing investment in housing stock has undermined public housing provision and restricted access to private housing. We guarantee to work to build a fair housing market with appropriate resourcing.

Issues that matter to you matter to us

Senior Citizens

We will ensure the services you need are delivered. It was the DUP that began the "free fares" scheme for senior citizens on public transport.






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Your Best Guarantee - our pledge to you

The DUP will be hard at work in the new Assembly representing your interests. Whether you are one of the majority of Unionists who voted "No", or someone who voted "Yes" with reservations, we share your concerns about:

- *Unreconstructed terrorists in government*
- *The retention of illegal weapons by terrorists*
- *The plans for the destruction of the RUC*
- *All-Ireland bodies with executive powers*
- *The mass release of terrorists*
- *British sovereignty being eroded*



You can only be sure that the pledges extracted from Tony Blair and other unionists by those of us in the "No" campaign are kept by ensuring a strong voice and presence in the new Assembly for those who won those pledges.

You can be certain these issues will not be forgotten by voting for the strong and united Democratic Unionist team which has proved it keeps its word.

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