

THE IRISH PROPERTY COUNCIL LIMITED.

Press release:

The Irish Property Council is of the opinion as follows:

1. Depreciation of Irish Property by from 50% to 66% in general separate from land and development land and a decrease in wages in the private sector and the cost of services separate from public services as an aim of the Irish Government to make Ireland an attractive location for Inward investment.
2. It appears that the work to date by NAMA has been very slow and has not succeeded in introducing funds into the Irish economy through the banking system, and in fact has assisted the decrease in the value of the Irish property with an overhang of an avalanche of property to be placed on the market in the coming years
3. There is a national crisis as evidenced by:
 - i. Increasing un-employment and emigration
 - ii. 250,000 houses are in negative equity at present and increasing
 - iii. 30,000 borrowers are in arrears for over three months at present and increasing.
 - iv. No activity due to no banking finance in the Irish property market, and consequently no confidence.
 - v. No apparent sign of the market stabilizing, or having hit the bottom or near the point of turning or making a recovery, whereby it appears that matters are getting worse, rather than better, and no inspiration or creative new ideas are being received, whether from the government, the public service, the trade unions or even the CIF or IBEC or SME, or any party whatsoever, leaving the Irish people in a wilderness with no leadership or confidence from any responsible party or body
 - vi. Increase in the bond market rates for government borrowing, and in turn banks, which will no doubt have a knock-on effect, by way of an increase in mortgage interest rates, to be charged to borrowers in the future and which will in turn cause greater hardship.
4. The IPC believe that a national forum of all interested parties to include the government, the lending institutions and the public to include borrowers should be put in place to address the above issues and to work together to resolve a way forward.