

Tory turmoil over EU as Ireland says Yes to Lisbon trea...

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Three things to say.

First, although there are massive problems in the EU (the CAP, the fact that it gives capital priority over labour and much more, including the need to enhance accountability) I'm delighted the Irish said yes. We need regulation at this scale to take on business abuse. And ultimately it is the dispute resolution mechanism that still may just prevent war when the crisis of the environment really hits.

Second, the reaction shows the complete nonsense that the Tories are a party - the two sides openly loathe each other even more than the Labour Left hated Blair.

Third, let's hope the Euro-sceptics deliver mayhem in Manchester. That will really open the political agenda.