

Some of Clyde's quotable
geostat quotes include:

"As well as yielding several hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue, this tax would have the even greater advantage of easing pressure on resources caused by the rapacity of land speculators. It would reduce land values by taxing vacant building allotments and would be much more equitable than seeking to reduce demand inflation by such measures as

indirect taxation upon consumer goods and household appliances."

(when Clyde was Federal Minister for Labour, in a letter on 27/6/74 to Treasurer Frank Crean)

"Why is it that the rich are getting richer, while the poor are growing in number and getting poorer? The answer lies in the fact that we have failed to support the only remedy that will cure a disease that is causing progress and poverty to be accepted as natural partners – i.e. by the collection of the full economic rental value of land."

"I have a long association with Henry George Leagues and a deep commitment to the principles enunciated in *Progress and Poverty* and the other remarkable books written by the great Henry George."

"All that needs to be done is to take for the community that which properly belongs to the community – namely, the rental value of land, and leave sacredly to each individual that which represents labour's proper share of the wealth it produces."

"Labor politicians must be reminded that when the Liberal Government abolished the Federal Land tax in 1953, the Labor Caucus unanimously resolved to authorise Arthur Calwell to tell the Parliament of his party's total opposition to the government's decision."

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He declared: "We have always believed in the land tax, and when happy days come again we will restore the measure of imposing that tax on the statute book of this country."

(Hansard, 24 February 1953, page 62)

"The correctness of collecting the annual rental value of land, rather than requiring our workforce to pay high direct and indirect taxation, is so obvious that it is one of the marvels of the present age that so few have come to recognise its truth."

"When Labor stalwarts demand a return to the principle of collecting the rental value of land, which for more than sixty years guided Labour Members of the Parliament, real wages will rise with one stroke of the taxation pen."

"Georgists and the founders of the Australian Labor Party envisaged a society in which there would be no idle poor or unproductive rich living on the labour of others."

"At its 1957 Commonwealth Conference, Labor delegates unanimously agreed to introduce a graduated tax on the unimproved value of all land. (See Labor's Official Report of its 1957 Commonwealth Conference, page 59). It was Labor's first step towards returning to its original commitment to collect the full rental value of all land."

"Land rent is merely giving to the community the equivalent of the special advantage of being allowed to hold the exclusive possession of a piece of land which, because of its location and/or productivity, gives the possessor an advantage others don't enjoy."

"The unimproved value of land can't be hidden in the Solomon Islands or some other tax haven to evade an obligation to pay its rental value to the Government as is now done with income tax."

"Treasury bureaucrats don't understand the economic rudiments Rent, Wages and Interest."

"We must draw attention to the self-evident truth that the true economic value of land is not created by the person who is in possession of it."

"We still allow the media barons to blind our vision to a better way or raising government revenue."

"The land belongs to the people, and its use must be safeguarded and protected at all times."