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OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that the Earth is the birthright of ALL MANKIND.

We recognise that for most purposes it is essential for individuals to have exclusive possession and security of tenure of land.

We believe that those who have exclusive possession of land should COMPENSATE SOCIETY for being excluded therefrom.

We believe that such compensation paid annually would meet the costs of Government and permit Society to abolish all taxes on LABOUR and on goods produced by labour.

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR NONE

Members of the Georgist Council of Australia work to liberate personal effort from taxation and to finance all government expenditures by the collection of Site Revenue from the value of all land. They seek to end land monopoly and to protect the great majority of humanity from exploitation.

AUSTRALIA TODAY

- Bludgeoning taxation on personal incomes
- \$100,000 million overseas debt
- 700,000 unemployed
- 500,000 inadequately housed
- Highest interest rates of inflation
- Soaring land prices
- Industrial anarchy
- Monopoly exploitation of consumers, workers and suppliers
- Collapse of large Companies
- Fear and uncertainty
- Deep sense of hopelessness
- Disillusion with established Political Parties and Institutions

THE ROOT CAUSE

Denial of Common Rights to the Land and Individuals to the product of personal exertion.

THE GEORGIST REMEDY

- Government with the consent of the governed
- Agree that the earth is the birthright of all mankind
- Collect site rental values of land
- Stop land monopolies usurping community created land values

Maldistribution of wealth caused by land monopoly is a violation of human rights and must be stopped.

"We would take for the community what belongs to the community, the value that attaches to land by the growth of the community; leave sacredly to the individual all that belongs to the individual." Henry George, author of 'Progress and Poverty', 1879.

SOME ENDORSEMENTS

Sir Winston Churchill, leader of Britain in World War II: "Land monopoly contributes no service to the community and contributes nothing to the general welfare from the process of its owner enrichment — the labour and cost of other people."

Adam Smith, doyen of New Right economics: "Ground rents are a species of revenue which the owner enjoys without any care or attention of his own and can best bear to have a peculiar tax imposed upon them."

Clyde Cameron, Minister Whitlam Labor Government, early seventies: "In 1910 the Fisher Labor Government was elected to office on the sole issue of the taxation of unimproved land values."

Abraham Lincoln, Republican President, U.S.A.: "An individual or enterprise should hold no more land than is required for their home and sustenance and prudent management and this much should not be permitted where it creates an exclusive monopoly."

Alfred Deakin, Second Prime Minister of Australia: "The whole of the people

have the right to the ownership of land and the right to share in the value of land itself though not to share in the fruits of land which properly belongs to the individuals by whose labour they are produced."

THE GEORGIST OBJECTIVE

- Abolition of Taxation
- Funding of Government services by the collection of site revenues
- Free enterprise and initiative encouraged
- Social and economic justice for all
- Honest open Government achieved through
 - * Proportional Representation
 - * Initiative and recall referenda

Georgist organizations are non-party and non-sectarian.

They offer:

- Active membership
- Regular discussion groups
 - * Contact access to books and periodicals with other interest groups, literature and distribution.
 - * Regular mailings of publications and other matter

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