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OUR PHILOSOPHY

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

We recognise that for many purposes it is essential for individuals to have exclusive possession and security of tenure of land AS GIVEN BY THE EXISTING FREEHOLD SYSTEM OF LAND TENURE.

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.

WHY JOIN THE GEORGISTS?

Who Are They?

A world-wide affiliated movement which deals with the causes of social injustice — rather than tinkering with effects.

Politics?

We are an **Educational** body — teaching the Science of Political Economy — with honest conformity by governments.

Georgists Believe

The resources of nature — **the land** — is the source of all wealth. All people should have equal opportunity to the use of the land from which all must live.

Georgists Reject

Communism under which land would be nationalized and the State claims a prior right to the product of each person's labour.

Planned inflation and the distribution of wealth by monetary-manipulation.

The Founder

Henry George wrote "*Progress & Poverty*", a world best-seller, in 1879. He exposed the unearned incomes arising from land speculation as the **basic course** of poverty and employment, which worsen with material progress.

THE WARNING

Unless sanity and commonsense are restored our children will continue to inherit —

- Destruction of the family unit.
- \$100 billion (or more) National debt.
- Prohibitive land prices.

- 70 different taxes and public charges.
- Collapse of free enterprise.
- A vast army of unemployed.
- Many homeless people and children living in poverty.
- A declining birth-rate because Australian families cannot afford to support children.
- An ageing population and a depleted workforce.
- An increasing rate of violent and fraudulent crime.
- An epidemic of drug addiction.
- An increasing gap between the rich and poor.
- A devalued Australian dollar weakened by land monopoly, taxation, public debt and inflation, that will enable foreign investors, with stronger currencies, to buy our land and levy tribute from the Australian people.

Present Government policies cause adverse trade balances, increasing public debt, high interest rates, a weakened Australian dollar and inflation, **resulting in** high unemployment, poverty, bankruptcies, crime, addictive illness, mental derangement, suicide, corruption and the **destruction of the family unit.**

THE REMEDY

1. Natural Public Revenue

To **collect** annually the socially generated site rental value of land, exclusive of improvements, for public revenue and royalties from the exploitation of natural resources.

This would increase the availability of land for use, make speculation unprofitable, cure involuntary unemployment and poverty, increase **real** wages to earning capacity. Home owners, small businesses, farmers and all genuine working people would be better off, paying only for the locational advantages of their land.

2. Taxation — "the power to destroy"

Abolish all taxes and charges imposed on production, consumption and savings, which will **restore** incentive and **prevent** economic, social and moral collapse.

3. The Functions of Government

Confine governments to functions which by their nature are necessary monopolies, in which the freedom of competition is impracticable — justice, defence, control of epidemic diseases, postal and telephone services, roads and railways, water, sewerage, gas, electricity etc., and to preservation of the environment.

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GEORGIST POLICY

Objectives

- To abolish involuntary unemployment and poverty.
- To restore a just distribution of wealth in a free enterprise society.

We Support

- Free enterprise and initiative.
- Equal opportunity for all – special privileges for none.
- Honest and open government confined to its proper functions.
- Access to land under attractive conditions with –
- Site Rent as the natural source of government revenue.
- Abolition of Taxes on production and consumption.
- Proportional Representation for all elections.
- Citizens' Initiated Referendum.
- Care for the aged and disadvantaged. Pension entitlements without a means test.
- A healthy physical, social and moral environment.

We Oppose

- Land monopoly and speculation which Winston Churchill described as "*the mother of monopoly*".
- All other monopolies which restrict competitive industry.
- Taxation – "the power to destroy".
- Government interference and competition with private enterprise.
- Sanctions and all impediments to trade – "economic warfare".
- The creeping paralysis of coercive collectivism.

Tax Reform Australia is a non-profit, non-party political organization with permanent headquarters, open during normal office hours, offering:

- public education
- publication of literature
- access to periodicals and videos
- library facilities
- active membership
- discussion groups
- monthly guest speaker evenings
- active involvement with other groups.

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There are two classes of people who object to paying taxes: men and women.
