

NEW BOOKLET ON GEORGISM AND THE GREEN MOVEMENT

"Preservation of the Earth and its Environment". By Graham Hart. (A close examination of the Green Movement and its aims). Georgist Education Association. 30 pages. \$4 plus postage (from Melbourne or Perth offices, see p.8)

This timely booklet discusses some contemporary environmental issues (e.g. the greenhouse effect, salination, soil erosion, effluent disposal, congested cities, pollution of waters, energy sources, as well as the ozone layer).

An outline is given of Georgist economic proposals, and their relevance for tackling current environmental problems.

One example: Australia borrows money to finance loans to Brunei (North Borneo). The Sultan is an absolute monarch who diverts oil resource revenue away from the people of Brunei to himself. He is reputed to be the second richest man in the world. Australia gave \$445,000 in 1988-89 to Brunei from taxpayer-subscribed, borrowed or inflated funds. This tangled maze of debt, based on the World Bank, is related to the widely tolerated practice of private land monopoly.

The author has packed much information and clarification into this booklet. Despite some infelicities in English expression (e.g. the chemical formula for carbon dioxide is incorrectly presented), this booklet merits widespread distribution, attention and appropriate ensuing action.

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