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I agree with Mary Hutchinson that euphemising we are "against all taxation" but in favour of "collecting the rent" is, first, confusing if not downright baffling; second, very frightening (land nationalisation?); third, if we have somehow retained our hearer's attention long enough, a reason to consider we are practicing deceptive sales talk.

I believe we are pretty thoroughly intimidated by Establishment aggression and censorship, and that we must all consciously endeavour to speak out and speak plainly without euphemising in deference to such pressures. This works better, too.

We are bugged with the objection that land value taxation is passed on like any other tax. Why then, protest it more than the others? In Australia the Establishment are pushing hard for a "broadly based consumption tax" like New Zealand's disastrous General Services Tax. If LVT is such a tax, as they claim, then it is clearly the most broadly based of all.