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An essay proposing the abolition of the present destructive tax regime and its replacement by a logical and equitable alternative to raise all public tax revenues from a uniform impost on the unimproved capital value of land.

The change would be a catalyst for both economic and social reform to reinstate the most basic of human rights, opening opportunities for employment and wealth creation, freeing initiative, encouraging enterprise, rewarding effort, discouraging land speculation and preventing tax evasion.

The historic failure of society to identify cause and relief for chronic unemployment and poverty is reflected in the increasingly unhappy state of Australian society. Responsibility for that may well be within the tax system which not only inhibits present growth, it endangers the nation's future.

The survey takes a philosophical view of the land question and the morality and practicability of drawing public revenues from that source.

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