

Ben Chifley: 'The Light on the Hill' (1949)

Australian Prime Minister [Ben Chifley](#) gave this speech to a meeting of the Australian Labour Party in 1949. The speech was voted one of the most important Australian speeches in a [survey by the Australian ABC](#) network.

He describes the reason for the Labour Party's existence, not just in Australia but worldwide.

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