

## **Solidarity Protests for ‘Witness K’ and Bernard Collaery**

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**Canberra:** 4pm Wed. 25 July 2018 | Outside the ACT Magistrates Court, 4 Knowles Place

**Melbourne:** 11am Wed. 25 July 2018 | Outside the Commonwealth Offices, Treasury Place, (off Spring St)

When someone exposes government wrongdoing they should be thanked, not prosecuted.

Yet the Australian Government has just approved the criminal prosecution of a former Australian spy and his lawyer for their role revealing that the Australian Government had bugged the East Timorese cabinet room in an attempt to short-change the tiny nation out of billions of dollars in oil and gas revenue.

It’s outrageous and we must take a stand.

If it wasn’t for ‘Witness K’ and his lawyer Bernard Collaery, this sordid truth would never have been exposed and the Timorese wouldn’t have had the chance to secure the new and fairer Treaty signed early this year.

Join with the Timor Sea Justice Campaign to stand in solidarity with Witness K and Bernard Collaery and join our protests to demand that the Attorney General, Christian Porter, uses his ability to shut the prosecution down immediately.



If you see something wrong, speak up – that’s what we are all taught isn’t it? Well, that’s what Witness K did and now the Turnbull Government wants him and his lawyer sent to prison.

The message from the Turnbull Government here is: if you speak up about government wrongdoing, we will come down on you like a tonne of bricks. It’s wrong and downright frightening.

If you can’t join us at one of the protests, here are some things we can all do:

- Sign the petition to the AG at <https://www.getup.org.au/campaigns/democracy/witness-k/fight-the-prosecution-of-witness-k>
- Email or phone the AG at [https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators\\_and\\_Members/Parliamentarian?MPID=208884](https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Parliamentarian?MPID=208884)
- Share this page to help spread the word about the protest.
- Use #StandWithWitnessK in your social media posts.

We’ll be organising more actions in coming weeks and months, so stay in touch.

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