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KEY SOURCES USED:

- **Senator Rex Patrick** – Youtube, 2018. This video of Senator Rex Patrick (uploaded last month) provides an excellent overview of the whole shitshow and was one of the main sources of info I used for the video.

- **How Australia Betrayed Then "Saved" East Timor** - *by Beth Wilson, Onya Magazine, 2009*. Provides a really good overview of Australia’s history of betrayal of Timor-Leste - this is a great introduction if you’re not familiar with the history.

- **Having it Both Ways: Australia’s Conflicted Position in the Timor Sea** - *by Sarita Ryan, Right Now, 2009*: This is also an explanation of the maritime border dispute; it might be a bit detailed and technical for some, but it is extremely well written.

- **Ungrateful Timor gets the Downer treatment** - *Sydney Morning Herald, 2004*. A very revealing piece from the time when the Howard/Downer Government was blackmailing Timor into signing the Timor Sea Treaty; it quotes leaked transcripts from Alexander Downer’s statements to the Timorese.

- **Australia threatening East Timor’s existence: Gusmao”** - *Sydney Morning Herald, 2004*. Also from the time of the treaty negotiations, it quotes then-President of Timor-Leste, Xanana Gusmao.

- **As Witness K trial opens, questions over how much of Timor-Leste spying case to keep secret from public** - *by Clinton Fernandes, The Conversation, 2018*. This piece really helped me understand the prosecution of Witness K. In fact, read anything by Clinton Fernandes, one of the leading authorities on this subject.

- **"Island Off The Coast of Asia”** - *by Clinton Fernandes, 2018*. If you really want to get the full picture about Australia’s foreign policy, I highly recommend this recently published book by Prof. Clinton Fernandes. This was another key resource for me in making this video.

- **We can’t forget the lessons of Balibo** - *C Fernandes & N Xenophon, Sydney Morning Herald, 2015*. Great piece on the Balibo 5. “Never forgotten”.

ANNOTATED SCRIPT

Visit Timor-Leste!

Australia’s favourite neighbour… no that’s Bali, dickhead. *East Timor!* Home to virgin islands… golden beaches… friendly people… But most importantly: shittons of *oil and gas*.

Which is why here at the Australien Government we’ve *repeatedly* stabbed those friendly people in the fucking back.
Like remember that time we supported Indonesia when it invaded them? Sure a third of them ended up being massacred on our doorstep; and sure we left our own journalists to die in Balibo and then covered it up.

But hey, it was worth it: here we are sculling champers on a jet above the Timor Sea where all that oil and gas is. Ahh good times!

Sadly, this lucrative fuck-fest was threatened when Timor finally won its independence. It was the youngest and poorest nation in Asia. So, of course we helped them out.

Nah just kidding, we stabbed them in the back again – by forcing their impoverished asses to sign a treaty that let us keep looting their oil and gas.

How did we get such a good deal? By bugging their Government offices during the negotiations. LOL

The only reason you know this is coz one of our spies – who we’ll call Witness K – complained after learning that the big sack of shit who ordered the bugging took up a lucrative consultancy position with the same company that got the license to those oil fields.

Of course we immediately prosecuted the criminals. Not them silly; witness K and his lawyer!

Right now we’re seeking to try them both in a secret court – because “NATIONAL SECURITY”. Which is our way of saying that we’d rather you never learned how we conspired to defraud Timor – an offence under the ACT’s Criminal Code.

Or that we were using ASIS for corporate espionage instead of stopping terrorists, around the very time that terrorists bombed our embassy in Jakarta. (Woops!)

And we’d especially like you not to learn how we cheated a nation just emerging from a brutal occupation, with one of the world’s highest rates of infant mortality, malnutrition and preventable disease; and deprived them of billions in revenue from their own resources.

Which is fucktons more than what we give Timor in “foreign aid”. So when you think about it, Timor’s sick kids are Australia’s largest donor. Aww thanks little guys!

What’s that, at least you got cheaper gas? Aww sweetheart, did we not mention that Timor’s gas is shipped straight to Japan? Where it’s sold for 40% less than what you pay for it.

So to recap our foreign policy: you pay for the exploration, investment and spying; these dick-bags get rich; you get shafted on prices; brown kids die of diarrhea; and anyone who exposes this shitfuckery gets tried in a secret court. Any questions?

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WAYS TO HELP

● If you’d like to do something to support our neighbours in Timor-Leste, this is an organization that has come recommended – ETWA (East Timor Women Australia). It supports Timorese women and children and is not affiliated to Australia’s foreign-aid complex (hence why not tax deductible!)

● You can write to the Attorney General Christian Porter asking him to exercise his power under s.71 of the Judiciary Act to drop the prosecution of Witness K and Bernard Collaery. Here’s his email christian.porter.mp@aph.gov.au (please try to keep it clean!)

● Lastly, you can help raise awareness about this whole shitshow by sharing the vid / tagging your friends in the comments!

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<3 Giordano