

Statement from Rob Wesley-Smith, 29 June 2018

Everyone

this statement of support for Bernard Collaery and the unknown Witness K is written by someone who was involved with some of these issues since 1974. I can no longer claim to be speaking on behalf of Australians for a Free East Timor (AFFET), as we thought that was no longer needed as an organisation. Perhaps we need Australians for Freedom of Timor supporters.

I am appalled at the prosecution of hero Bernard Collaery and Witness K. Full of admiration of Andrew Wilkie for exposing it. Appalled that a once supportive lawyer for someone who exposed crimes, has become a prosecutor of such people as has the Prime Minister. And totally appalled that the Australian Labor Party has so far given its support by its ongoing silence.

In my ebook *117 Days in East Timor* I slag off Alexander Downer and John Howard for their roles in ripping off East Timor and pro-War generally, and also Gareth Evans and Tim Fischer. I haven't been prosecuted for this yet!! Unlike Collaery for less.

I was in Dili in May 2002 trying to persuade the putative ET government NOT to succumb to Downer and Howard's bullying, and not to sign an agreement that limited their rights for fair Maritime Boundaries, but they signed, and it took the recent international action to overturn this. I hope they come out strongly in support of Collaery and Witness K.

I have known and admired Bernard Collaery and his support for legal rights of East Timor.

I don't know if I have met witness K.

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