

Letters / I care about Collaery!

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*"Columnist Robert Macklin asks 'Who cares about Bernard Collaery?'. Well, I do, for one," says **WENDY WHITHAM**, of Hawker. She's not alone, either.*

In his article on Bernard Collaery (CN, August 22), Robert Macklin asks "Who cares?".

Well, I do, for one. I'm appalled at the government's actions against two men who've shown great principle and courage in sticking up for our small neighbour, Timor Leste, and seeking to do the right thing by them, in the face of totally unprincipled behaviour by our Federal government.



Robert Macklin quotes Mr Collaery as saying: "Witness K has been put through six years of seclusion, harassment and questioning", and Collaery himself is still involved in fighting charges. What kind of government does this to citizens who should, instead, be rewarded for their actions?

Wendy Whitham, Hawker

Praise brave Witness K

ROBERT Macklin has an article titled "Collaery battles on, but who cares?" (CN, August 22).

I for one am most upset about the clumsy way our government is handling this extraordinary national embarrassment.

On the best information available to me, it seems unlikely that the case against Bernard Collaery will succeed. On the other hand, Witness K has pleaded guilty.

We should all be enormously grateful to Witness K for making us aware of how venal, indeed depraved, lacking any moral compass are some of our most senior politicians. As a community we should be praising the bravery of Witness K.

How might the minnows like me demonstrate strong support for Bernard Collaery and Witness K, but especially the latter? I am prepared to write letters, march, donate, etcetera.

Tom Hayes, Campbell

Collaery a man of courage

ROBERT Macklin's article (CN, August 22) identified the courage shown by Bernard Collaery in his continuation to defend his actions and the actions of "Witness K" against a vindictive and disgraced government's actions following the airing of Australia's crimes in the "East Timor" bugging.

It does your newspaper credit in keeping this as a public item. The comparison to the cricket "ball tampering" was noted as well, both indicating a serious degradation in our values. Australia will never recover its reputation until the actions by Bernard Collaery are aired for all to see and judge. More strength to you all.

Rex Williams, Springwood, NSW