

## *Coalition of Supporters of Bernard Collaery and Witness K*



### **Drop the Prosecutions!**

### **Rally, 12.30pm, Monday 9th Nov, ACT Courts, Knowles Pl, Canberra City**

COSOCK is appalled at the attempts by the Morrison Government and Attorney-General Christian Porter to imprison Witness K and his lawyer Bernard Collaery.

The courageous and conscientious actions of these men led to a fairer sharing of the resources of the Timor Sea, after Australia had bugged the Timor-Leste government offices.

COSOCK believes that the people who should be held accountable are those Australian politicians and others who connived to defraud Timor-Leste, the poorest nation in SE Asia, from their fair share of resources in the Timor Sea.

The excuse of ‘national security’ for the secrecy of these trials is a travesty.

Tens of thousands of East Timorese people gave their lives in WW2 assisting Australian soldiers under attack from the Japanese, yet Australia’s Timor Sea episode has been shameful. Are we to continue to parade our greed and deceit by prosecuting people who actually live up to Australian values?

COSOCK demands that the vindictive charges—no doubt designed to intimidate others— are discontinued immediately.

COSOCK demands that Bernard Collaery and Witness K receive recompense for the suffering and expense this secretive process is causing.

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