

# Witness K and Bernard Collaery

Australia spied on a friendly neighbour...

## Spying

...to get money from one of the poorest nations on earth...

In July 2004, the offices of the East Timorese Prime Minister were being refurbished with Australia's help under an AusAid project. The walls of an office were later found to have listening devices (bugs) in them. This bugging allowed Australian negotiators to listen in on the Timorese planning sessions concerning the Timor Sea resources.

Australia and Timor-Leste (East Timor) were joint partners in an effort to share the resources of the Timor Sea. Each partner had the responsibility to be **trustworthy**. But Australia used its intelligence services (ASIS) to spy on the Timorese. That means Australia conspired to defraud Timor-Leste.

## Consciences

One of those involved in the bugging, now known as Witness K, complained to his employer, the Australian Security Intelligence Service (ASIS). He was told to get a lawyer and Bernard Collaery was chosen. Collaery and Witness K made it known that Australia had acted illegally by spying.



## Charges

In May 2018, Witness K and Collaery were charged for allegedly communicating ASIS information.

*The government spied, and they told the truth.*

They face 2 years' jail if convicted.

**The Government wants the legal hearings kept secret.**

Oz spied.  
Witness K & Bernard Collaery told the truth.  
Timor let Oz off. Oz got away with it.  
Oz now wants to jail the truth-tellers.

**This is wrong.**

Click on **Petition** to the Attorney-General. He can stop this injustice.