

# Is the tide starting to turn on the government's Bernard Collaery prosecution?

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**Abandoning the unity ticket** One of the worst aspects of Attorney-General Christian Porter's [vexatious pursuit](#) of Bernard Collaery and Witness K is the federal Labor Party's [near-complete silence](#).

Given [the ALP's own role](#) in this crime, it's perhaps unsurprising. But some ALP members have refused to be complicit. We've [reported before](#) that Queensland MP Graham Perrett has spoken out, while NSW state Labor MP Paul Lynch has led that branch's condemnation of it.

We're happy to report Canberra MP Alicia Payne last Friday [joined their ranks](#), asking, "why is my constituent Bernard Collaery facing charges in a closed court without the protection of open justice and without public scrutiny?"

Perrett [also returned to the issue yesterday](#) in parliament, saying it was troubling "that the trial is being held in secret", and that "the attorney-general is pursuing Bernard Collaery at all".

With the ABC's flagship programs ([finally](#)) taking a greater interest in the scandal, bit by bit the government's attempted cover-up is being challenged.