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Bernard Collaery

The Secret State, the Rule of Law and Whistleblowers

Sunday 26 September 2021, 4pm to 5.30pm

This is a Zoom event due to the COVID-19 lockdown



Bernard Collaery points out that Professor AC Grayling says that “if anyone should be expected to uphold the rule of law, it is the law’s own servants”. Whistleblowers are forming a Fifth Estate in Australia to fight a Federal Executive served by complicit or compliant bureaucrats. Why has this occurred? And what is the remedy?

Bernard Collaery is a former ACT Attorney-General and a prominent Canberra lawyer. He was lawyer for Witness K, the former ASIS officer turned whistleblower over the illegal bugging by the Australian Government of the cabinet offices of Timor-Leste. He is now being prosecuted and is appealing the national security orders that would see significant parts of his trial being held in secret.

Bernard will talk about whistleblowers currently being prosecuted in Australia and the rule of law.

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