

An attitude

Most Australians hearing the *Four Corners* revelations about the alleged behaviour of Christian Porter and Alan Tudge would have immediately felt for the women victims. They were treated unfairly - as objects who could be used and then discarded when it suited the men who had power over them.

But for our Prime Minister the program was irrelevant because the behaviour happened before he became PM and before the "bonk ban". He spoke about the importance of "keeping families together", but showed no concern for the welfare of the women victims. He didn't explain why women must resign when their male bosses misbehave. He didn't commit to making things better.

Morrison's attitude is consistent with the Liberal Party view that women are only useful as attractive wallpaper whose role is limited to making the tea, answering the telephone, and standing in front of the white picket fence when a pre-election photo is required.

Mike Reddy, Curtin

Strong reasons Porter must go

Stella Stevens (Letters November 12) is right to say that Christian Porter must go, but there are even more critical reasons than this week's ABC *Four Corners* revelations.

The Attorney-General is the foremost custodian of the rule of law in Australia and there are two areas where Porter has fallen seriously short in this duty. The first is when he defended Alan Tudge, when Tudge was found to have engaged in criminal conduct in respect of detention of a refugee. Porter said that he, Tudge, clearly rejects the court's conclusions.

Tudge has no right to reject a court's conclusions. Can we all reject a court's conclusions? Where would that leave society? Porter should be upholding the law, and demanding that Tudge comply, not dismissing the court's judgement. This is an incredibly serious issue.

The other instance is the decision to prosecute Witness K and Bernard Collaery over the government's bugging of Timor-Leste government offices, during negotiations over Timor Sea resources. Is this not an abuse of power when Witness K was acting with integrity and Collaery was just doing his job as a lawyer defending him, in an incident where the Australian government demonstrated the exact opposite of integrity?

These are strong reasons why Christian Porter must go and these unjust prosecutions must be dropped.

Kathryn Kelly, Chifley

A hard argument to reconcile

Your thinking is a bit muddled, James Mahoney (Letters, November 13). You want a word changed to make our anthem "more inclusive" and on the other hand you want a blatantly exclusive racist flag in the Senate.

Also you talk about something you call "true reconciliation". What exactly is "rec-

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