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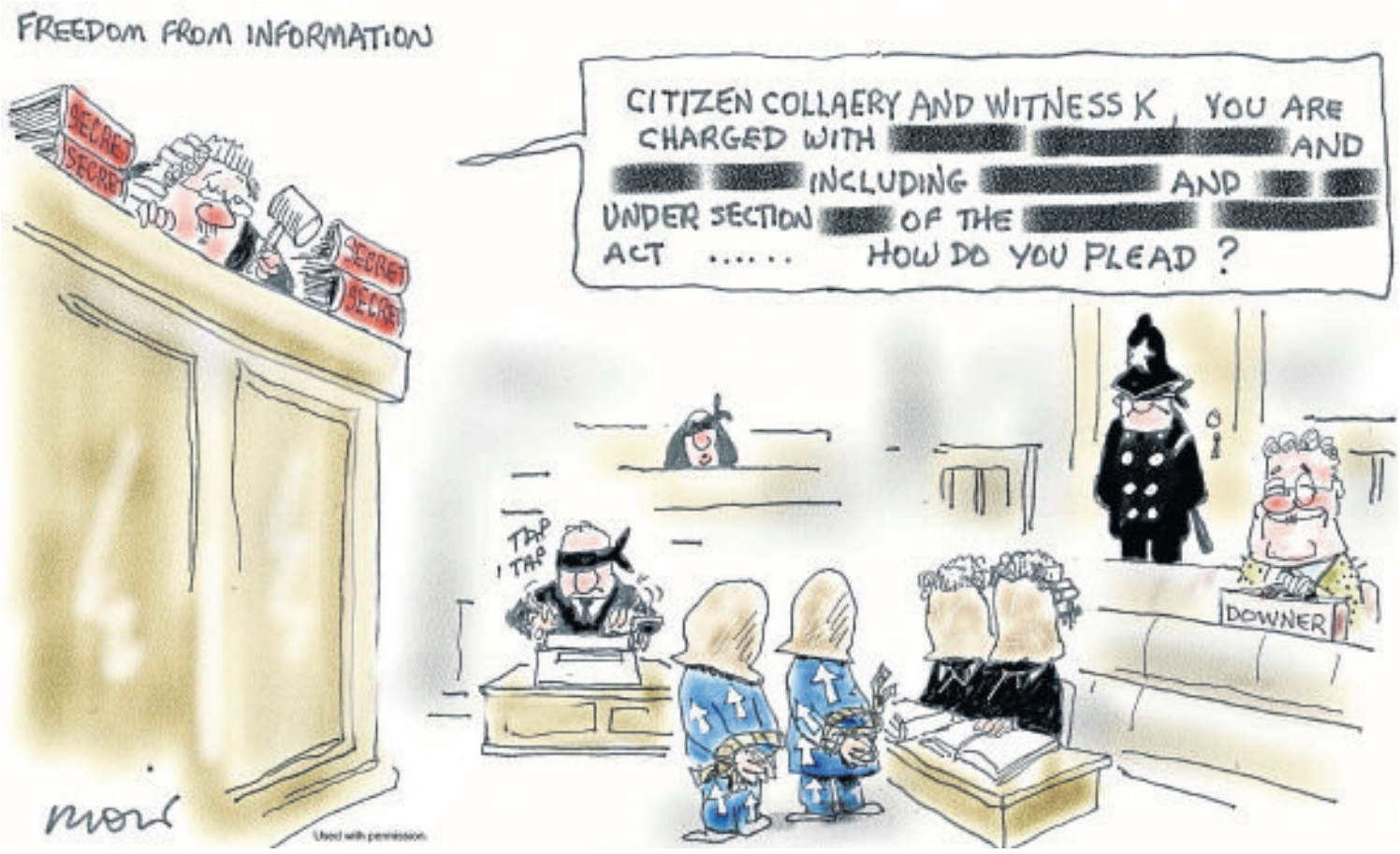
Rally 9am, Thursday 17th June, Parliament House lawns

Rally Speakers: Andrew Wilkie MP, Senator Rex Patrick, Sister Susan Connelly, Senator Peter Whish-Wilson, Andrew Leigh MP



Bernard Collaery and Witness K are facing prosecution as a result of the Government's bugging of the Timor-Leste offices in 2004 to gain advantage in the Timor Sea oil and gas resources negotiations. Witness K is now facing sentencing while Bernard's trial proper has yet to start, in spite of nearly 50 hearings between the two of them. These unjust prosecutions must be discontinued.

Apparently in the contract for the Timor Sea Treaty, the definition of petroleum was altered to exclude helium. This was at enormous cost to Timor-Leste and Australia, and gave a massive windfall to companies, ConocoPhillips and Woodside. Was this what the illegal bugging of the East Timor government offices was about?

Who was responsible for getting the definition of petroleum altered to exclude helium for the purposes of the treaty? Who ordered this and who knew about it? They must have known it would be to Australia's detriment – and East Timor's. And what are the international implications of this helium trade? These should be urgent matters for an ICAC.

The prosecutions of Witness K, Bernard Collaery, David McBride must be discontinued! The threats to democracy entailed in secrecy, intimidation, and suppression of the media cannot be overstated.

National security must not be used as an excuse for hiding misdeeds or crimes!

AAPP Supporting organisations: Australia East Timor Friendship Association, Civil Liberties Australia, Friends of Lacluta (Vic), Humanists Australia, Independent and Peaceful Australia Network, International Association of People's Lawyers (IAPL), Josephite Justice Network, Just Peace (QLD), Lawyers for Peace, Medical Association for the Prevention of War, Timor Sea Justice Campaign (VIC), Monitoring Committee on Attacks on Lawyers, PEN Melbourne, PEN Sydney, PerthPEN, Queensland Timor Sea Justice Group, Timor Sea Justice Forum (NSW), Wage Peace, Whistleblowers Australia.

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