



# Australian Citizens Party

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Truth Not War—support whistleblower David McBride at his unjust trial on 12-13 November**

Australians who value truth and oppose the rush to war are encouraged to be in Canberra on 12-13 November to support Afghanistan war crimes whistleblower David McBride in court.

The world strategic situation is vulnerable and deteriorating rapidly, in part due to the legacy of the US-UK forever wars which Australia supported, including in Afghanistan.

How this danger plays out depends on the collective efforts of everyone, in every country, choosing a better way.

**TONIGHT, tune in at 8:00 PM Australian Eastern Daylight Time to watch “On The Brink: With Robbie Barwick”, a live discussion hosted by Digital Finance Analytics’ Principal Martin North on the current global strategic and economic crisis, and possible solutions.**

A better way requires exposing the truth about the crimes that our governments have covered up to fraudulently claim the moral high ground as they pursued their permanent war agenda.

Australian **Julian Assange** is rotting in Belmarsh Prison in the UK for exposing these lies, but if Prime Minister Anthony Albanese advocates for Assange’s release during his current visit to Washington he will be contemptuously ignored.

Australian citizen **Dan Duggan** has spent a year in solitary confinement in Lithgow Prison, and now faces seven months more away from his wife and six children, so the obsequious Australian government can assist the United States to fabricate more war lies, this time against China.

And **David McBride** on 13 November will be the first person to face trial in relation to the war crimes committed by Australians in Afghanistan, not for perpetrating the crimes, but for being the whistleblower who exposed them.

Think back to all the 20 years of the Afghanistan war, when we were repeatedly told by successive Australian governments that the Afghanistan war was the “just war”, as opposed to the illegal invasion of Iraq, which was a “mistake” (which merely killed a million people).

Yet the US-UK-NATO-Australian forces spent 20 years fighting in Afghanistan to replace the Taliban with the ... Taliban.

In the meantime, our presence in Afghanistan generated billions for weapons companies and private military contractors, protected the revival of opium production that destroyed millions of lives all over the world, and led to horrific war crimes.

The truth about these war crimes is only known thanks to the courage of David McBride, yet McBride faces trial and a 50-year sentence, while the commanding officer responsible, Gen. David Hurley, is now the Governor-General of Australia.

So why is the Albanese government, specifically Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus, pushing ahead with the prosecution of McBride that was instigated by his Liberal predecessor?

For the same reason that Albanese this week will not demand Biden stop persecuting Assange—Labor is as much controlled by the Anglo-American war machine as the Liberal Party.

#### **It’s up to the people**

David McBride is a truly great Australian, who has selflessly devoted much of his time while awaiting trial to help lead the campaign to free Julian Assange.

He is an example of the truth that the only way we will end the crimes and injustices of the permanent war agenda is if the people, not the politicians, demand an end to those injustices.

That’s why as many concerned citizens as possible should support David McBride in Canberra on 12-13 November.

The supporters of David McBride are organising two events to coincide with his trial—plan to get along to one or both.

**12 November** (the day before the trial):

[Festival](#) - Glebe Park, Canberra 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Featuring live music, speeches, food and coffee vans, and political stalls.

**13 November** (the day of the trial):

Rally - David McBride Trial - Supreme Court - gather from 8:00 AM. Official speakers start at 9:00 AM.

The Australian Citizens Party is proud to support David McBride and these events being held in his honour, and urges all concerned Australians to find a way to show their support.

### **Watch David McBride tell his story**

On 12 October 2022 ACP Research Director Robert Barwick interviewed David McBride for the ACP's *Citizens Insight* series on YouTube. This is the longest ever *Citizens Insight* interview, because the ACP wanted to give David McBride the maximum time to tell his story and explain his thinking, which led him to leak the Afghan Files knowing the risk to himself.

Click here to watch [CITIZENS INSIGHT: Risking a life sentence to expose war crimes and lies—David McBride](#).

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