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Accountability and Moral Reckoning after the Brereton Report



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In 2023, the first Australian soldier was charged with war crimes stemming from the Brereton Report's documentation of evidence of murders committed by Australian Special Forces in Afghanistan between 2007 and 2012. This charge represents an important development, but falls short of what a true moral reckoning with the report requires from the Australian Defence Forces (ADF), the Australian Government, and the Australian people. Focusing blame and responsibility primarily on the perpetrators serves to deflect media, political, and social attention away from questions about the relationship between the war crimes and the military culture of the ADF and Special Forces, and from questions about the victims of these crimes and their communities, and whose perspectives should take moral priority in our thinking.

Speaker

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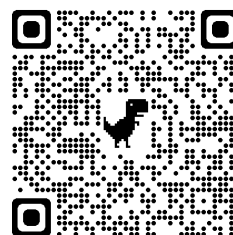
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