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GUEST SPEAKER



Leigh Sales AM Journalist & Author

Leigh Sales AM is one of Australia's most high-profile and respected journalists and has been the anchor of *Australian Story* since 2023. Previously, she was at the helm of 7.30 for 12 years. She was awarded an Order of Australia in 2019 for her services to journalism.

Leigh has interviewed every living Australian Prime Minister and innumerable world leaders and celebrities from Hillary Clinton and Tony Blair to Paul McCartney and Elton John. She's the author of five books, including the national bestseller *Any Ordinary Day*, *Well Hello* co-written with Annabel Crabb, and her latest *Storytellers* – a fascinating insight into the vital and much-misunderstood profession of Journalism. Their wildly popular podcast *Chat 10 Looks 3* has hundreds of thousands of listeners. She has three Walkley awards, Australia's highest journalism honour, for radio current affairs reporting, broadcast interviewing and writing.

From 2008-2010, Leigh anchored the ABC's prestigious *Lateline* program and before that was the ABC's National Security Correspondent. From 2001 to 2006, she was the network's Washington Correspondent. She grew up in Brisbane and started her reporting career in Queensland in 1993 with Channel Nine.

In addition to hosting ABC's *Australian Story*, Leigh hosts ABC's *The Assembly*, where she mentors Autistic journalism students from across the country as they learn their craft and interview famous celebrities.