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Dr Anne Summers is a best-selling author and columnist who has had a long career in politics and the media. She was recently appointed Chair of the Board of Greenpeace International, a position that requires her to travel frequently to Europe in order to supervise the affairs of the world's leading environmental organisation.

Her political background includes her time as a political adviser to Prime Minister Paul Keating prior to the 1993 federal elections and she ran the Office of the Status of Women for Prime Minister Bob Hawke from 1983 to 1986.

As a journalist she has been Editor of *Good Weekend*, and written for *The Australian Financial Review*, *Far Eastern Economic Review*, *Le Monde*, and *The National Times*. She is a winner of the Walkley Award for journalism. Her books include the now classic Australian book, *Damned Whores and God's Police* which is still in print, twenty five years after it was first published in 1975, *Gamble for Power*, an account of the 1983 federal elections, and *Ducks on the Pond*, the recently published first volume of her autobiography.

In the United States, where she lived from 1986 to 1992, she was Editor in Chief of *Ms.* magazine and co-owner with Sandra Yates of *Ms.* and *Sassy* after raising \$US20 million on Wall Street in only the second ever women-led management buyout in US corporate history.

In 1989 Anne was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for her services to journalism and to women. Anne is also a Trustee of Sydney's Powerhouse Museum.

Since returning to Australia after a successful publishing career in the US Anne has addressed a variety of women's media and business audiences, and is regularly called upon by the media to comment on issues. She is an articulate speaker who brings a wealth of business experience to every presentation.

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