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Ms Anna Bligh

Chief Executive Officer, YWCA NSW

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Host: Prof John Mattick

Anna Bligh was elected to the Parliament of Queensland, Australia in 1995. She became the first female Premier of the State in September 2007 and Australia's first popularly elected female Premier when she won the 2009 Queensland State election in her own right. Ms Bligh served as Premier for almost 5 years, until March 2012. She came to this position after a long and distinguished political career during which she held ministerial responsibilities for a number of portfolios including, Education, Social Welfare, Arts, Economic and State Development, Infrastructure, Finance, Treasury and Deputy Premier.

Anna Bligh's leadership came to national and international attention as she led the response and recovery effort to devastating natural disasters that crippled Queensland in January 2011.

Anna now lives in Sydney, where she is CEO of YWCA NSW, a not-for-profit organisation striving to build a safer world for women and children with programs and services dedicated to ending domestic violence.

She is also on the Boards of Bangarra Dance Company and Medibank Private.