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7NEWS presents the final Federal Election debate **Live Sunday, 27 April at 8.00pm AEST on Seven and 7plus**

The Seven Network's **7NEWS** – Australia's #1 news service – will host the final leaders' debate showdown between Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Opposition Leader Peter Dutton on Sunday, 27 April live from Seven's Election Central studios in Sydney from 8.00pm AEST on Seven, [7plus](#) and streamed on [7NEWS.com.au](#) and across the network's social news channels.

The country's most respected Political Editor, **7NEWS'** Mark Riley, will moderate the debate as both leaders face-off for the final time before Australians head to the polls for the Federal Election on Saturday, 3 May. **Sunrise's** Natalie Barr will host the television event, which promises to be the most crucial hour of the gruelling election campaign.

Immediately following the debate, Michael Usher will anchor a special edition of **7NEWS Spotlight** including the final verdict and comprehensive analysis of the key issues.

Seven Network Director of News and Current Affairs and Seven West Media Editor-in-Chief, Anthony De Ceglie, said: "This final debate comes at a critical moment – just six days out from polling day – and **7NEWS** is proud to bring it live to viewers. For many, it will be the defining watch of the campaign and will play a big part in how they decide their vote.

"**7NEWS** is committed to delivering the most comprehensive and dynamic election coverage in the country, backed by sharp analysis and commentary from an unmatched team of political minds."

Mark Riley said: "Seven's The Final Showdown is a proven and successful format that encourages free, frank, face-to-face debate to help our viewers make informed decisions about their votes.

"It will be the most important night of this campaign – the candidates' last chance before polling day to convince voters why they should lead the country."

For a poll in which every state is pivotal, **7NEWS** has the biggest and most experienced election team in the country, with reporters stationed across 29 metropolitan and regional newsrooms.

When major election moments play out, the **7NEWS** Election Needle will keep track, capturing the pulse of the campaign and giving viewers a clear picture of who's in the lead.

Throughout the campaign and on election night, **7NEWS** will use new, state-of-the-art technology, giving Australians the results that matter first and providing insight that has never been seen before on an Australian Federal Election broadcast.

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The company owns some of Australia's most renowned media businesses, including the Seven Network and its affiliate channels 7two, 7mate, 7flix and 7Bravo; the digital platform [7plus: 7NEWS.com.au](https://www.7plus.com.au); *The West Australian*; *The Sunday Times*; [PerthNow](#); [The Nightly](#); and [Streamer](#). The Seven Network is home to Australia's most loved news, sport and entertainment programming, including **7NEWS**, **7NEWS Spotlight**, **Sunrise**, **The Morning Show**, **The Voice**, **Home and Away**, **Australian Idol**, **My Kitchen Rules**, **SAS Australia**, **Farmer Wants A Wife**, **The Chase Australia**, **Better Homes and Gardens**, **RFDS**, **The 1% Club** and the **TV WEEK Logie Awards**. Seven Network is also the broadcast partner of the AFL, Cricket Australia and Supercars.