

# Salli Cohen - Disrupter & Keynote Speaker



Salli Cohen is a strategist, storyteller and a quiet force re-imagining what policy should be. She's a policy expert, author and speaker with over 30 years' experience working with leaders across governments, First Nations organisations, for-purpose and private sectors. Salli knows deeply how policy lives in people and in change and why this matters for all of us.

## The Policy Reckoning

Audiences walk away with a deep understanding that:

- Policy is always for and about people, as people are why policy matters
- Policy is lived, felt and fought for all voices
- Policy takes courage to talk truth to power and courage to hold a place at the table
- Policy demands heads to think, hearts to feel and guts to commit
- Policy is the strength to repair harm and the hope to reimagine what's possible.

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## What They Say

*Salli has a rare gift: she brings policy to life with clarity, courage and practical insight. Whether you're new to the field or decades in, she'll leave you inspired – and better equipped to make a difference.*

**Dr Ben Scambary**  
**CEO Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority**

*Salli brings sharp insight and deep integrity to every conversation. She doesn't just talk policy – she's lived it, led it, and shaped it where it matters most.*

**Craig Kelly**  
**CEO, Anglicare NT**

*Salli's impact on how we train policy professionals in the North has been profound. She's honest, wise, and fiercely committed to making policy better and fairer.*

**Prof. Ruth Wallace**  
**Pro-Vice Chancellor, Charles Darwin University**

## A Unique Perspective

Salli is leading a quiet revolution, a policy reckoning. Drawing on lived experience, she offers a rare mix of strategic insight, emotional resonance, and practical clarity. Her work is grounded in real-world challenges of leadership and policy - courageous, evidence-informed, and deeply people-centred.

With fearless honesty and empathy at the centre, Salli is reshaping how we do policy, and why it matters. She takes audiences inside the engine room of decision-making revealing the demands of leadership, the reckoning with harm, and the possibility of repair, through the power of evidence-informed policy embedded in integrity and driven by purpose.

- Anchored in humanity
- Driven by clarity, empathy and truth to power
- Respects the complexity of lived experience
- Centred on courage - head, heart and guts
- Crafted for impact across systems and sectors.