

Joe Aston

Joe Aston is one of Australia's most influential commentators on business, finance and politics.

For 12 years he struck fear into the hearts of the nation's political and corporate leaders with his must-read column Rear Window in The Australian Financial Review.

He interrogated some of the country's biggest business stories including Rio Tinto's Juukan Gorge scandal; CPA Australia and its Naked CEO Alex Malley; the decline and fall of Magellan Financial Group; and, most recently, of Qantas under Alan Joyce. In 2023, Joe and his AFR colleagues won a Walkley Award for their coverage of the PwC tax leaks scandal.

AFR editor-in-chief Michael Stutchbury says Aston "turned a gossip column into a form of journalism like never before seen in Australia, and arguably the world."

Joe resigned from the Financial Review in October last year. He is now writing a book about Qantas, The Chairman's Lounge, to be published in October 2024 by Simon & Schuster.

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