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Professor Greg Leigh is Director of NextSense Institute, a centre for research and professional education operated conjointly by NextSense and Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia . He holds degrees in Education and Special Education from Griffith University, a Master of Science (Speech and Hearing) degree from Washington University (Central Institute for the Deaf), and a PhD in Special Education from Monash University. In 2001 he was made a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators. In 2014 he was invested as an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) “for distinguished service to the deaf and hard of hearing community, particularly children, through education, research, public policy development, and specialist services”. In 2022 he was awarded the inaugural Hearing Australia Lifetime Achievement Award for “outstanding contribution to improving outcomes for deaf and hard of hearing children”.

Professor Leigh held a variety of teaching and administrative positions in the education of deaf children in Australia before entering academia. He was co ordinator of the program in education of the deaf at Deakin University from 1987 until 1994 when he assumed the first of several positions at the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, the University of Newcastle, and ultimately NextSense Institute and Macquarie University. He has been an Honorary Visiting Fellow at Griffith University and an International Visiting Scholar at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (Rochester Institute of Technology), New York. As the Director of NextSense Institute he is a member of the Senior Leadership Team of NextSense. Professor Leigh is active in research and has published widely on aspects of education of deaf children and related areas. He is a member of the editorial board of The Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education and has served on numerous Australian Government consultative committees including the New South Wales Ministerial Standing Committee on Hearing and the National Neonatal Hearing Screening Working Party. Since 2005 he has been Chairman of the Australasian Newborn Hearing Screening Committee. He is a former National President of the Education Commission for the World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf and was formerly Chair of the International Steering Committees of both the Asia-Pacific Congress on Deafness (APCD) and the International Congress on Education of the Deaf (ICED).