



Getting Research into Policy and Practice

Monday 15th July, 9.00am to 5.00pm

Group Learning Space (Room 273), Level 2, Global Change Institute (Building #20), St Lucia Campus

The Centre for Policy Futures is convening a training workshop to help researchers navigate Australia's policy landscape. A team of The University of Queensland's (UQ) policy experts, facilitated by Professor Karen Hussey, will:

- Introduce you to Australia's federal system and the respective roles and responsibilities of local, state/territory and federal governments.
- Showcase a number of successful 'science-to-policy' case studies.
- Explore what evidence-based policy means in practice.
- Share experiences - good and bad - of interacting and engaging with the policy process, including insights into how you can connect your research with policy and program development.
- Explain the difference between the political and policy spheres.
- Explore the relationship between politics and science funding.

"I'm so glad that I signed up for this workshop. Every session was enlightening and provided practical advice about exactly what to do and how to do it... I would even go so far as to say that this workshop is necessary for all UQ researchers..."

2018 workshop participant

Workshop Program

THE NUTS AND BOLTS: AUSTRALIA'S SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AND THE POLICY PROCESSES

9.00am - 9.30am	Professor Karen Hussey Director, Centre for Policy Futures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Rationale, aims, format and participant expectations • A quick quiz
9.30am - 10.30am	Rebecca Duffy Manager, Post-2020 Transition Policy, Queensland Department of Environment and Science	<p>How Australia is governed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Westminster System • Federalism • Australia and international fora, processes and law
10.30am - 12.30pm (Working morning tea at approx. 11:00am)	Professor Karen Hussey Director, Centre for Policy Futures	<p>Understanding the policy-making process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A policy cycle (sort of...) • The policy-makers tool kit • 'Unpacking' the relationship between international trends and domestic policy processes • Where policy concepts and 'thought bubbles' come from - they DON'T just magically appear • Different pathways to policy impact

12.30pm Lunch

EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY-MAKING

1.00pm - 1.45pm	Professor Brian Head School of Political Science and International Studies	<p>Evidence in policy-making:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When is research used and how is it accessed? • What makes research 'policy relevant'? • What works and what doesn't?
1.45pm - 3.00pm	Professor Karen Hussey Director, Centre for Policy Futures Anna Moloney External Relations Manager Centre for Policy Futures	<p>How media matters: to policy-making, and to you as a researcher</p> <p>Formal and informal processes for policy engagement</p> <p>The value of submissions to government inquiries</p>
3.00pm - 3.30pm (Working afternoon tea)		<p>Where you and your research fit into the policy and practice landscape: Facilitated discussion based on quiz responses.</p>

PANEL DISCUSSION: WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T

3.30pm - 5.00pm	<p>Professor Heather Douglas, ARC Future Fellow and Professor of Law at the UQ TC Beirne School of Law. Heather researches in the areas of criminal justice and domestic violence. Her ARC Future Fellowship is looking at the way in which women who have experienced domestic violence use the legal system in response to violence.</p> <p>Professor Lorraine Mazerolle, Professor of Criminology in the UQ School of Social Science. Lorraine is an Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow (2010–2015) and Chief Investigator with the ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course (LCC). Her research interests are in experimental criminology, policing, drug law enforcement, regulatory crime control and crime prevention.</p> <p>Mark Power, Head of Australian Programs and Knowledge Management at Abt Associates. Mark is a public health, knowledge management and evaluation specialist with over 15 years' experience across international and Australian-based health programs.</p> <p>Dr Tim Seelig, Principal Advisor, Strategic Policy, to Director General, Queensland Department of Environment and Science. Tim provides high-level independent advice and support to the Director-General regarding the development of strategic policy for the department.</p>
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