



# Getting Research into Policy and Practice

Tuesday 22nd June, 9.00am to 3.00pm

Global Change Institute, Group Learning Space, level 2, Building #20, St Lucia Campus

The University of Queensland's Centre for Policy Futures 'Getting Research into Policy and Practice' workshop helps researchers navigate Australia's policy landscape. A team of The University of Queensland's (UQ) policy experts, facilitated by Dr Pedro Fidelman and Dr Greta Nabbs-Keller, 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 'research-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 research 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..."

Workshop participant

# Workshop Program

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

9.00am - 10.30am Dr Pedro Fidelman  
Acting Director, Centre for Policy Futures  
Dr Greta Nabbs-Keller  
Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Futures

### How Australia is governed:

- The Westminster System and Federalism
- The governance landscape
- Australia and international fora, processes and law

### Understanding the policy-making process:

- 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
- Different pathways to policy impact

10:30am - 11.00am Dr Jennifer Yarnold  
Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Futures  
Ms Phoebe Evans, CPF POLSIS Intern

'COVID-19 Knowledge Exchange Case Study: The Uptake of Expert Advice as Facilitated by Health-Related Advisory Structures'

11.00am Working morning tea - Q&A Session

## EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY-MAKING

11.30am - 12.30pm Dr Pedro Fidelman  
Acting Director, Centre for Policy Futures  
Dr Prudence R Brown  
School of Political Science and  
International Studies

### Formal and informal processes for policy engagement

#### Evidence in policy-making:

- What is evidence-based policy?
- When and how is evidence used and how is it accessed?
- What makes research 'policy relevant'?
- What works and what doesn't?
- Contemporary issues in evidence-informed policy-making (EIPM)
- Case study discussion

12:30pm Lunch

## WHAT POLICYMAKERS WANT FROM ACADEMIA

1.00pm - 3.00pm Dr Greta Nabbs-Kellar  
Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Futures  
Dr Tim Seelig  
Director, Strategic Policy in the office  
of the Director General, Department of  
Environment and Science  
Professor Martine Maron  
School of Earth and Environmental  
Sciences, UQ  
Dr Mel Cowlshaw  
Assistant Director, EAP Projects  
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

### Moderated Panel Discussion

Moderated panel discussion including Q&A. The panel will feature current and former policymakers and discuss 'what policymakers want from academia'.

For further details, please contact:

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