

# Writing for policy results

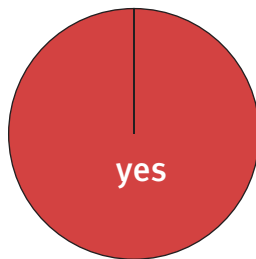
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**WORKSHOP FEEDBACK**

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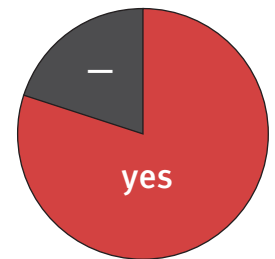
Tools and Skills gained at Workshop.



Presenters met expectations.



Recommend Workshop to others.



Further develop skills with us?

Tell us what you liked most about the workshop.

- All of it. 😊
- It covered a good range of content of material and was relevant.
- The exercise around drafting a brief; the importance of communication in persuasion.
- Policy circle, memo info and communicating clearly.
- Coverage of topics and format.
- The expertise of the facilitators and their knowledge of policy and an insiders view to government policy making. I liked the policy briefs, persuasive session and the white/green paper sessions the most.
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<p><b>Tell us what you liked most about the workshop.</b></p>	<p>Content, presentation, venue and catering. All good.</p> <p>Use of examples and surprisingly group work (which I normally do not like). I also like how Sandra would re-emphasise points and conclude on new topic and the info by Sandra was concise and easy to digest. Catering also great!</p> <p>Learning tools that I can implement to improve my writing skills.</p>
<p><b>How well did the workshop meet your expectations?</b></p>	<p>Really well – more than I was expecting.</p> <p>I had high expectations having done another Policy Skills course previously, and they were met.</p> <p>Quite well.</p> <p>Really well. Learnt a lot in the sessions.</p> <p>Met all expectations.</p> <p>Generally yes although some areas I was more interested in (less on writing skills &amp; grammar) were perhaps shorter than other sessions.</p> <p>The workshop exceeded my expectations, I was also pleased to hear that I could contact the facilitators if needed.</p> <p>At the right level with quality materials to accompany and take away.</p> <p>Very happily surprised. Although, I would like the cab subs information to include an example not written by uni students who are also learning.</p> <p>Yes.</p>
<p><b>What understandings, tools and skills have you gained and what difference will these make in your practice following the workshop?</b></p>	<p>Brief writing skills – will use these when I return to work. Mind mapping was really useful for me being a beginning policy officer will be using everything back in the workplace. Also cabinet – better understanding of purpose.</p> <p>I've always had good feedback on my writing but the workshop helped me to understand why what feels right is right, which I think gave me more confidence.</p> <p>Great tips and techniques for brief writing—this will definitely help with increasing efficiency.</p> <p>Mapping ideas for a memo; correct way to write.</p> <p>Improved understanding of context and process as well as useful tools and tips.</p> <p>More skills and knowledge about what policy makers are looking for when receiving advice and the format that advice should take. And how to write a policy brief.</p>

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<p><b>What understandings, tools and skills have you gained... (cont.)</b></p>	<p>Preparing and planning for any writing task to allow the writing process to be easier. I understood my experience with writing and providing work to me supervisors does not reflect my skill as a writer.</p> <p>Well rounded about writing generally—giving an approach to make a start!</p> <p>I really enjoyed re-enforcing and re-learning what are seemingly 'simple' but overlooked concepts (I.e. how to write sentences effectively).</p> <p>Mind mapping exercise. Cab sub—green and white papers—construction of briefs. English, grammar information.</p>
<p><b>How well did the presenters meet your expectations?</b></p>	<p>Awesome presenters!</p> <p>Very well.</p> <p>Yes. I didn't love the multi-mode delivery disruptions but understand the challenges.</p> <p>Very well. Very knowledgeable.</p> <p>Very well.</p> <p>In one or two cases some of the writing sessions went on a little too long.</p> <p>The experience the presenters shared in the workshop is invaluable.</p> <p>Experience was clear with credibility and ability to answer questions.</p> <p>10/10. Very organised.</p> <p>Very knowledgeable with extensive experience to draw upon—exceeded expectations.</p>
<p><b>Would you recommend the program to others?</b></p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p>

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<p><b>Would you like to develop further policy skills with us?</b></p> <p>(If yes or maybe, please tell us what you would like to explore.)</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes. Implementation and evaluation phases.</p> <p>Yes. Will likely attend further training.</p> <p>—</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes. I'd like to learn more about some examples of good/bad/successful/failed policy and evaluation.</p> <p>Yes. Policy development work, further writing development.</p> <p>Yes. Dependent on budget. Good to send to department's HR.</p> <p>—</p> <p>Yes.</p>
<p><b>Would you like to hear from us about further programs?</b></p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>—</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>—</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>—</p> <p>Yes.</p>
<p><b>Further comments:</b></p>	<p>Thank you both! Look forward to the next workshop!</p> <p>Catering was amazing. Two days well spent.</p> <p>I enjoyed the course despite being online—and I recognise the challenges of delivering a course with in room and online participants, but perhaps the technology could be improved—with some technical support to help facilitators operate cameras and microphones to maximise learning for online participants. It was great to have an online group for our group work.</p> <p>Smaller workshops would also be helpful to fit into a work schedule, the online experience was positive and as a NSW State Govt worker access to your policy, writing and Govt training was exactly what I was looking for.</p> <p>Thank you — very much appreciated.</p> <p>I wish the white folder was more concise and used examples that were practical (as opposed to examples of uni-student work).</p> <p>Good food and venues. Good to have a variety of examples.</p>

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