# Tools and skills for
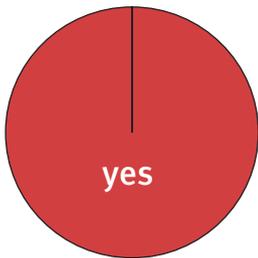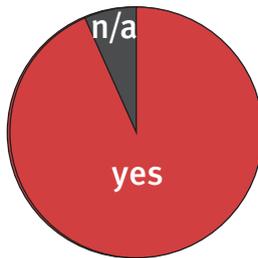# policy practitioners

Brisbane 5–6 June 2018     **WORKSHOP FEEDBACK**



**yes**
Workshop met
or exceeded
expectations.

**yes** (n/a)
Tools and
Skills gained
at Workshop.

**yes**
Presenters
met
expectations.

**yes**
Recommend
Workshop to
others.

**yes** (maybe / no)
Further
develop skills
with us?

| Tell us what you liked most about the workshop. | Balance between discussions and presentations. |
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| | Presenters were highly skilled and experienced and related learnings back. Five relevant government examples. |
| | Very informative and covered a large amount of information in a short time frame. |
| | Very informative, great interaction and opportunity for questions, conversations. |
| | Stakeholder scoping. |
| | Contextual stakeholder engagement exercise. |
| | Framework of policy bodies in government. |
| | Practical examples of policy in action (or inaction). |
| | Case studies and practical examples. |
| | Working examples used throughout. |

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| **Tell us what you liked most about the workshop. (cont.)** | Knowledge. |
| | Dry-ish topic presented in an engaging way – with humour and insights. |
| | Interactive, knowledge of facilitators. |
| | Use of practical examples to demonstrate key concepts. |
| | All the 'real' examples and relating back to all levels of government. |
| **How well did the workshop meet your expectations?** | Very well. |
| | Very much. Highly valuable. |
| | Higher than expected. |
| | It was great. |
| | I was expecting more detail on tools etc. but I gather the details is in the book/folio to access on an as needs basis. I look forward to further reading and digestion of these resources to improve my skills. |
| | Met my expectations as an introductory structured presentation of essential policy tools. |
| | Well. |
| | Very well. |
| | Very well. |
| | Very well. One of the best government based workshops I have done. |
| | Well. |
| | Good! |
| | Very well. |
| | Very well. |
| | Very well. |
| **What understandings, tools and skills have you gained and what difference will these make in your practice following the workshop?** | Analysis tools and processes, outputs/outcomes tool (program logic), approaches to identifying stakeholders. |
| | Evaluation section – not something my area does well → will now build evaluation requirements into approval documents and complete necessary prep work. |
| | Policy analysis. |
| | Much better understanding of policy process, policy instruments and just generally what policy is! It is much broader than I thought. |
| | Stakeholder scoping. |
| | Stakeholder engagement strategies to provide confidence in any policy process I will encounter. |

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| **What understandings, tools and skills have you gained and what difference will these make in your practice following the workshop? (Cont.)** | Better understanding of policy process. |
| | Appreciation of the various challenges of Policy Development. |
| | Policy cycle, tools checklist. |
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| | Better framework for understanding policy. |
| | I have come from a low base in terms of models/theory etc. This knowledge presented will help me to apply in the workplace. |
| | Formal process questioning. |
| | – Helped conceptualise the range of work I do in terms of Big P and little p.<br>– Will be able to use the textbook and folder as checks. |
| | Stakeholder predictions; indicators of good policy and factors that lead to good policy. |
| **How well did the presenters meet your expectations?** | Excellent. |
| | Very well → refer above. |
| | Above and beyond. |
| | Very good although I found the 'Map of Government' presentation challenging. I felt like the exercise to map from scratch was a but content was informative. |
| | ✓ I found the white board workup frustrating (sorry ).<br>As a visual learner I'd prefer the diagrams projected on a screen/whiteboard and added to as needed. |
| | Very well. |
| | Well. |
| | Very well. |
| | Very good. |
| | Very well. Easy to understand. Maintained engagement. |
| | Excellent. |
| | Good material delivered confidently and well. |
| | Very well. |
| | Very well. I appreciated having presenters with extensive experience. |
| | Very well. |

| Would you recommend the program to others? | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. Would definitely recommend. I felt that the knowledge shared by the presenters was invaluable. It was also great to interact with other policy advisors with different experiences and knowledge. |
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| | Yes. |
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| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| **Would you like to develop further policy skills with us?**<br><br>(If yes or maybe, please tell us what you would like to explore further.) | Yes. Evaluation. |
| | Yes. Management skills in policy context. |
| | Maybe. |
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| | Yes. Writing for policy outcomes. |
| | Maybe. Writing skills. |
| | Yes. |
| | No. Getting too close to retirement. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. Writing. |
| | Maybe. Policy writing. |
| | Yes. |

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| Would you like to hear from us about further programs? | — |
| | Yes. |
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| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| | No. |
| | Yes. |
| | No. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| | Yes. |
| **Further comments:** | Excellent resource folder. Thank you for helping to contextualise the NT situation. ☺ |
| | A very professional course. Thanks. |
| | Thank you! |
| | Thanks. |