

## **Assessment 2B – Week 10:**

Group (2 people) Policy Report (30%)

Building on the work you have individually developed in policy analysis for Assessment 2A, you are going to work in pairs to deepen your understanding of social policy.

The goal of Assessment 2B is to create a policy report that includes an action plan for policy change. For that, you are expected to identify gaps or areas of improvement within the same policy set you were asked to analyse in Assessment A:

1. NDIS
2. Homelessness policy (state e.g. QLD, WA, NSW, VIC)
3. Family Violence policy (state e.g. QLD, WA, NSW, VIC)
4. Refugees policy

From this selection, you need to provide:

- An aspect of the policy that you think is worth changing and a justification for that.
- An overview of relevant theories of policy change that could guide your work
- A brief scan of responsible government departments, non-government organisations, research organisations and peak bodies working in that policy area and the policy changes they are working on;
- A beginning plan for policy change. With whom in the sector would you work, what kind of campaign, actions or strategies do you think would suit this policy change. What groups, individuals, public officials or organisations would you target for your policy advocacy plan.

The report will be between 1800-2000 words and can be formatted as a report with headings and an executive summary. The report will have references to literature using APA7 style.

References will include all the required literature from weeks 7, 8, 9, and three (3) peer reviewed articles to provide evidence for your policy change.

Assessments must be submitted individually, yet Turnitin similarity scores will be ignored since it is a group task.

## Assessment 2B: Advocacy Report (30%) Marking Criteria

Criterion	Mark	HD	Distinction	Credit	Pass	Fail
<b>Identify an aspect of an Australian policy worth changing and justify selection.</b>	25	Aspect of Australian policy is clearly identified with relevant research-based justification.	Aspect of Australian policy is identified, research is evident in justifying selection.	Aspect of Australian policy is introduced, with some research, and some justification.	Aspect of Australian policy is mentioned, but justification is unclear, with minimal research.	Insignificant identification and justification of Australian policy, lacking any research.
<b>Provide an overview of relevant theories of policy change pertinent to previous selected aspect of Australian policy.</b>	25	Overview of relevant theories of policy change pertinent to previous selected aspect of Australian policy is accurately provided, discussion is clear and demonstrates depth.	Overview of relevant theories of policy change pertinent to previous selected aspect of Australian policy is accurately provided and discussion is clear, with minor gaps.	Overview of relevant theories of policy change pertinent to previous selected aspect of Australian policy is provided and discussed in sufficient detail, with some ambiguities and inaccuracies.	Overview of relevant theories of policy change pertinent to previous selected aspect of Australian policy is provided, but there are significant inaccuracies or ambiguities.	Overview of relevant theories of policy change pertinent to previous selected aspect of Australian policy is insignificantly or irrelevantly provided.
<b>Map a brief scan of responsible government departments, NGOs, research organisations and peak bodies working in that policy area.</b>	20	Map of responsible government departments, NGOs, research organisations and peak bodies working in policy is clearly articulated and demonstrates depth.	Map of responsible government departments, NGOs, research organisations and peak bodies working in policy is somewhat clearly articulated with minor gaps.	Map of responsible government departments, NGOs, research organisations and peak bodies working in policy is adequately articulated, with some ambiguities and inaccuracies.	Map of responsible government departments, NGOs, research org. and peak bodies working in policy is stated but has significant inaccuracies or ambiguities.	Map of responsible government departments, NGOs, research organisations and peak bodies working in policy is inaccurately articulated or absent.
<b>Define an action plan for policy change with articulation of sector, campaigns, actions and targeted audience.</b>	20	Definition of an action plan for policy change with articulation of sector, campaigns, actions and targeted audience is clearly articulated and demonstrates depth.	Definition of an action plan for policy change with articulation of sector, campaigns, actions and targeted audience is somewhat clearly articulated with minor gaps.	Definition of an action plan for policy change with articulation of sector, campaigns, actions and targeted audience is adequately articulated, with some ambiguities and inaccuracies.	Definition of an action plan for policy change with articulation of sector, campaigns, actions and targeted audience is articulated with significant inaccuracies or ambiguities.	Definition of an action plan for policy change with articulation of sector, campaigns, actions and targeted audience is inaccurately articulated or absent.

<b>Writing structure, formatting, accurate APA7 references</b>	10	Written expression is fluent and ideas are well connected. Separate comprehensive reference list with excellent use of APA7 and formatting.	Written expression is predominantly sound with few gaps in the flow of ideas. Separate reference list with minor errors in the use of APA7 and formatting.	Written expression has some gaps and flaws, impending flow of ideas. Basic number of references supplied in a reference list but missed significant sources and some errors in the use of APA7 and formatting.	Written expression is adequate but has numerous errors. Required number of references supplied but some sources are irrelevant or inadequate for scholarly essay. Major errors in the use of APA7 and formatting.	Poor written expression. No reference list or list with no relevant scholarly sources. Lack of APA7 and formatting.
	<b>100</b>	<b>Converted to 30%</b>				