

# **Role that individuals can play in forming public policy**

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# Key Questions...

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**If yes, how can I make use of what I've learned and of the connections I've made?**

**Now what should I do?**



# Policy Consists of...

1. **Formal positions of the minister or government on BIG issues.**
2. **Proposals leading to legislation.**
3. **Proposals leading to regulation.**
4. **Positions, guidelines, and practices that interpret 1, 2 or 3 for implementation purposes.**
5. **Directives to a department or agency related to how it should perform a delegated function or duty.**



# Why Participate?

## Because...

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Governments do not have all the answers

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Might have input

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Might have influence

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Maybe better policy

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More connected

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Personal satisfaction

## ...if you don't

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No benefit from your input

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Other views prevail

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No influence

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Tacitly support result

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Not connected

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Could lose moral ground



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# ***In Thanks...***

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