

Australian social workers and policy practice in the workplace

Key dates	Recruitment is open and will close on 31 October 2025
Participants sought	Participants must be eligible for AASW membership. Participants must have working experience in a social work role in Australia in the past 5 years.
About	The study aims to explore the definition of policy practice, the activities that constitute policy practice within the social workers' scope of individual direct practice, and the factors influencing social workers' policy practice within the Australian context. Current literature suggested that the prevalence of Australian neoliberal policymaking fosters a divide between micro and macro social work, simplifying our perception of social change into a binary choice of participation versus non-participation. There are multiple pathways for social workers to engage with policy. Policy practice is the pathway for social workers to engage with policy in their professional capacity on the individual practice level. By exploring current understanding and sentiments around social work's individual role in policy engagement, we can generate more knowledge about policy practice in Australia.
What is involved	A 10-min online survey OR A 60-min interview via Zoom (face to face interviews can be facilitated for participants based in Melbourne)
How to get involved	Participate in our survey by clicking on link : https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8p5lsRqZqyGSL4 OR Participate in our one-on-one interview for a more in-depth discussion by contacting MSW researcher Khanh Luong
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