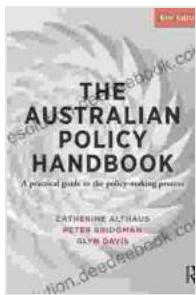


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## A Comprehensive Guide to Australian Public Policy

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## The Policy-Making Process

The policy-making process is a complex and iterative process that involves a range of actors and institutions. The Handbook provides a detailed overview of each stage of the policy-making process, including:

- Agenda setting: The process by which problems are identified and placed on the policy agenda.

- Policy formulation: The development of policy options and recommendations.
- Policy implementation: The process of putting policy into action.
- Policy evaluation: The assessment of the effectiveness of policy.

## **The Actors and Institutions Involved in Policy-Making**

A range of actors and institutions are involved in the policy-making process, including:

- Politicians: Elected officials who are responsible for making policy decisions.
- Public servants: Non-elected officials who provide advice to politicians and implement policy decisions.
- Interest groups: Organizations that represent the interests of particular groups of people.
- The media: Organizations that report on policy issues and influence public opinion.
- The courts: Institutions that interpret and enforce the law.

## **The Challenges of Policy-Making**

The policy-making process is often complex and challenging. Some of the challenges that policymakers face include:

- Uncertainty: The future is always uncertain, and this can make it difficult to make policy decisions that will be effective.

- Complexity: Policy issues are often complex and interconnected, and this can make it difficult to find solutions that will address all of the relevant issues.
- Competing interests: Different groups of people often have different interests, and this can make it difficult to find policy solutions that will satisfy everyone.

## The Importance of Policy Evaluation

Policy evaluation is an essential part of the policy-making process. It allows policymakers to assess the effectiveness of their policies and to make adjustments as necessary. Policy evaluation can also help to identify unintended consequences of policies and to learn from past mistakes.

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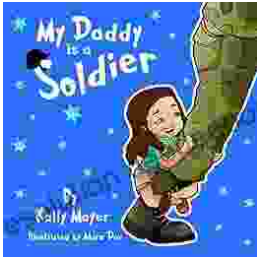
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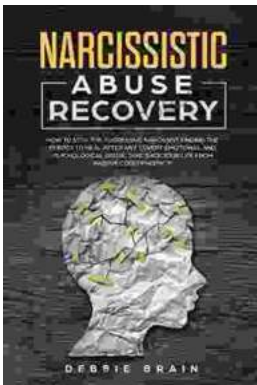
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