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- outlines six principles for effective public policy
- contains instructions on how to create concrete policy development tools, including cabinet submissions, briefing notes, public consultation papers, and management board submissions

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Reviews

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