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*Australian Social Policy and the Human Services* contends that human services practitioners benefit from understanding the relationship between social policy, the human services and their own practices. In this comprehensive introduction to the subject, readers are encouraged to develop their *policy literacy*, or critical understanding of the development, implementation and evaluation of social policies in specific areas. The book emphasises the links between policy and practice, and the importance of developing the capacity to deliver services and advocate for improved social policy in line with principles of equity and social justice.

Each chapter features discussion points and exercises; Australian case studies and examples; further reading lists and links to online resources; and links with the Australian Association of Social Workers' *Practice Standards* (2013) and the Australian Community Workers Association's *Core Competencies* (2006).

Written in an accessible style, *Australian Social Policy and the Human Services* provides readers with the skills and confidence to understand and work in the complex field of social policy development, implementation and evaluation.

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