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Dear Student,

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for submitting your first assignment for Public Policy. I know it is not easy studying on a distance mode. However, with technology at our fingertips, it is so much better now. All you need to do is work hard and put in some effort. It is therefore important that you take this opportunity seriously and ensure that you benefit from it. This is indeed a platform you can use to gain knowledge and understanding that will enable you to contribute to the development of your community and country at large.

The purpose of this feedback tutorial letter is to give you general feedback on the outcome of marking your assignment. Therefore, this feedback tutorial letter will provide feedback on what was expected from you and the general performance. I have given in-text comments as well as a general comment under Feedback Summary in your assignment. Please read and understand these comments and if you do not understand, do not hesitate to contact me. These comments are meant to help you in your academic journey and to ensure that you learn and at the same time pass this course and eventually graduate.

I'm going to reiterate that for you to pass this course, you need to be fully committed and work hard. You need to read and understand the question and search for the information needed to answer the question.

You must gather the relevant information needed to complete your assignment. It is important that you acknowledge all sources used in completing the assignment. Furthermore, it is vital that you paraphrase (read and understand; and use your own words) instead of copying and pasting. When you copy and paste that is plagiarism and

that is an academic offence. Finally, you need to ensure that you edit and proofread your assignment before submission. Editing and proofreading presents you with an opportunity to ensure that you have answered the question asked and that your assignment is clear, understandable and at the same time making sense. Additionally, proofreading and editing help you finetune your assignment and ensure that it is coherent and flowing.

NB: Please note that your assignment is submitted through Turnitin. Turnitin is a plagiarism detecting device and it will show you the percentage of similarity in your assignment with other sources.

The table below shows the similarity percentage and percentages to be deducted based on the similarity. This table is from COLL and I was informed that you are aware of it.

No.	% Similarity Group	% Marks Deduction
1	0 – 30	0
2	30.01 – 50	5
3	50.01 – 70	10
4	70.01 – 100	100

If your similarity is over 70%, then you should get a zero, between 30% and 70%, a deduction between 5-10% should be done. This box should at least guide you when completing your assignment to ensure that your similarity is below 30%. There are however, some students who copy and paste, and they replace similar words with synonyms to avoid higher percentage of similarity. Such students' assignments become confusing and not clear. Therefore, avoid doing so, as this is also as plagiarism.

Let us now look at the assignment question.

Assignment 1 question

According to Anderson (2011, p.40), public policy cannot be studied in isolation from the environment or the context it occurs. Discuss critically factors influencing the formulation and implementation of the National Energy Policy of 2017 in Namibia.

The tutorial letter also provided for an outline, or a structure as provided for below:

The assignment must be structured as follows:

Introduction

- Give a brief background on what the assignment is about.
- You may also want to define key terms or provide an overview on the factors influencing public policy.
- Additionally, you need to provide an outline of how you will approach your assignment.

Discussion

1. Factors influencing public policy.
2. How are these factors influencing the National Energy policy?
3. Any other relevant heading/s

Conclusion

The conclusion should sum up the main points and findings of the assignment.

Other criteria to follow:

- Language and Structure: Ensure your assignment is written and presented in a logical manner and supported by appropriate literature.
- Citations, internal referencing and reference list should be written according to APA referencing as per NUST rules and regulations.
- Your assignment should have at least 6 (six) pages but not more than 8 (eight) pages.
- You should have a minimum of 6 sources.
- Ensure your in-text referencing is correctly done and your sources in the reference list correspond with your in-text citations.

That is the structure, next we look at how you needed to answer the question. I will just highlight the issues you needed to include in your body, the conclusion and the introduction will be left out as I believe by now you all should know how to write an introduction as well as a conclusion.

Let me start with the factors influencing public policy.

1. Factors influencing public policy.
2. How are these factors influencing the National Energy policy?
3. Any other relevant heading/s

According to Anderson (2011), there are several factors that can influence the environment where public policy occurs. These factors can be broadly categorised into six factors namely:

1. Political
2. Social
3. Economic
4. Institutional
5. Technological and
6. International factors

Political factors

Political factors are influenced by the country's political culture which can include issues such as values, beliefs and attitudes of the people on what they expect the government to do. Examples of political values can be freedom, equality and democracy. These issues can influence the types of policies the government can formulate. They can also influence whether the citizens and other stakeholders will be involved in the policy making process or not. Political factors further consider the political ideologies followed by the government. Given that Namibia is a democratic country, both public institutions as well as private institutions were/are involved in the formulation and implementation of the National Energy Policy. Hence, in the foreword of the policy, the Minister (former Minister) of Mines and Energy encouraged the participation of the private sector.

Social factors

Social issues such as high unemployment rates, high crime rates and poverty can affect public policies. The well being of the community can also contribute to the formulation

of public policies. Page 4 of the policy talks about the social and economic challenges Namibia is facing. Challenges such as urbanisation and the high rate of unemployment which are likely to affect the energy sector in terms of service delivery and the economic growth and development in general. This is a clear indication that the National Energy Policy is influenced by social factors.

Economic factors

The economy influence what the government can or cannot do. Similarly, it influences policies to be adopted or not. If the economy is not doing well or unstable, this is likely to hinder the government to implement its policies. The National Energy policy, Page 4 stated Namibia's Gross Domestic Product per capita's level and how that is likely to influence the implementation of the Energy policy. It has also mentioned about the Vision 2030 which foresees Namibia industrialised by 2020. Industrialisation can increase the energy consumption and in the same vein results in economic growth and development. It can further, lead to several industries being developed and this can also mean employment creation as those industries will employ people.

Institutional factors

Public policies are made by different institutions. If there are no institutions, public policies cannot be there. The National Energy policy was also formulated by various institutions as they are mentioned in the policy. Page 7-9 stated the key energy institutions starting with the Ministry of Mines and Energy, NAMCOR, Electricity Control Board, NamPower, National Planning Commission, Namibia Energy Institute and the National Energy Council. These institutions are not the only institutions involved in the formulation and implementation of the Energy policy. As you are aware there are other participants such as the Cabinet as well as the private sector. On page 21 of the policy, there is a figure with many institutions that are involved in the Energy sector. In the diagram we have the Regional Electricity Distributors (REDs) - (CENORED, NORED AND ERONGORED) and other private distributors, (responsible for distribution and supplying energy to end-consumers), as well as several independent power producers. There are also some other institutions such as regulated entities such as fuel service stations. All

these institutions were and are involved in the formulation and implementation of the National Energy policy respectively.

Technological factors

The policy formulation can be influenced by technology in so many ways. Technology can enhance the formulation of policies through new, cost effective and environmentally friendly ways. Technology can enable all stakeholders to participate in the policy formulation process, especially through online platforms such as social media. On page 66 of the National energy policy, the Energy related research, development and innovation is discussed. The document notes that innovation in the energy sector in Namibia is still in its infancy. These are some of the plan the government has when its comes to energy-related , development and innovation:

1. Invest in energy-related research, development, and innovation activities that are of national relevance
2. Encourage energy sector actors to allocate resources to undertake energy-related research, development, and innovation
3. Facilitate and leverage relevant local, regional and international expertise in support of energy related research, development, and innovation in collaboration with the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology and other relevant entities
4. Enhance linkages between Government, industry, academia, vocational training institutions, non-governmental organisations and other relevant actors to promote research, development, and innovation.

International factors

Just like human beings, so as countries. They are interdependent on one another for survival. Namibia is part of the global village, as such she needs to work with other countries. Namibia export some goods to other countries and it also import goods from other countries. The energy sector is highly influenced by international factors. The policy clearly outline how international factors are influencing the Energy Policy. On page 15, the policy outline that Namibia is a member state to the United Nations and as

such it has implemented the Sustainable Development Goals which are the planet vision for 2030. These goals are 17 and they should be achieved by 2030. Goal 7 of the SDG is about Affordable and clean energy. The National Energy policy main goal is for the initiatives and activities of the energy sector to contribute to Namibia's sustainable development. On page 13, it stated that Namibia as a member state to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and it has adopted the SADC Protocol on Energy. SADC has passed many frameworks on energy development for its member states. Some of these frameworks are the SADC Energy Cooperation Policy and Strategy adopted in 1996, the SADC Energy Action Plan adopted in 1997, the SADC Energy Activity Plan passed in 2000 and the Regional Infrastructure Development Master Plan and Energy Sector Plan passed in 2012. This is evident in how international and regional factors are affecting public policy.

On page 67 of the policy, it is stated that Namibia's economy, especially the energy sector is connected to other countries as well international bodies. The energy sector is heavily influenced by international trade given that some energy sources are regulated at the international level. This is true for the oil and gas sector as well as liquid fuel sector. Namibia is importing all its oil products and most of its electricity requirements. With electricity, Namibia is importing more than 60% of its electricity needs. Hence, the government recognises that collaboration with regional and international partners is essential for the energy sector's development. Due to the importance of these collaborations, Namibia has adopted many international and regional strategies when it comes to the energy sector as stated above. This is evident how the National Energy policy is influenced and will be influenced by issues, strategies and external institutions as stated above.

This is more or less what I expected from you. You just needed to organise your ideas in coherent manner for the assignment to make sense.

Issues that came up during the marking of your assignment

- ❖ Some of you have plagiarised, just copying and pasting and replace similar words.
- ❖ You are not being truthfully in acknowledged your sources. Some of you have indicated sources that you have not used or read, but you copied them from a source that you read. You must only acknowledge sources you have used in compiling your assignment. Copying other authors' sources is academic dishonesty and is regarded as misconduct under the NUST Rules and Regulations. Please refrain from doing this. Please read your own sources and acknowledge them accordingly as per the APA referencing style prescribed by NUST.
- ❖ The instructions for the assignment clearly stated that you at least need six relevant sources, but some of you don't have six sources.
- ❖ Your sentences are not clear and coherent. You should edit and proofread your assignment to ensure that there are few grammatical errors. You also need to ensure that your sentences and paragraphs are organised and structured in a coherent manner.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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