

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Public Policy: Challenges in Decision-Making

In this chapter, Professor Christine Loh described her personal journey from a lawyer and commodities trader to a legislator, with a focus on the importance – and challenges – of evidence-based decision-making in government.

1. Professor Christine Loh's awareness of her personal knowledge gaps and the complexity of issues faced by legislators reinforced her belief in the importance of evidence-based decision-making rather than opinion-based policies.
2. Faced with the responsibility of voting on a wide range of issues, she developed a method of thorough research and consultation to make informed decisions. This process involved challenging personal opinions and biases to understand the broader context of each issue.