



Energy

Australia's energy sector is undergoing substantial structural change and facing major competition issues, public and regulatory pressures and environmental challenges.

We understand the climate well – our Energy team has worked in the sector since major transformation began in the 1990s.

We know that change can spark as many challenges as opportunities and we have been assisting clients to stay at the forefront of the energy sector for many years.

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“We work in partnership with our clients, regulators, industry bodies and communities to achieve practical and sustainable outcomes that help communities prosper.”



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We have worked in the energy sector for many years. We acted in one of South Australia's landmark transactions – the privatisation and segregation of the state's electricity utilities – and have been involved in many major projects ever since.

Our understanding of the industry's commercial needs, political pressures and local laws is unrivalled in SA. We understand your business and operating environment, will provide you with practical advice and negotiate sustainable solutions to help you reach your goals. We're not afraid to tackle new challenges or new concepts and will work collaboratively with you, industry and government to help you achieve your goals.

Our diverse and experienced team covers all sectors of the energy industry, including electricity, gas and petroleum. We work for clients in energy generation, transmission and retail and advise on acquisitions and mergers, key project agreements, divestment contracts and regulatory frameworks. We also provide advice on storage, distribution and delivery contracts as well as joint venture and finance agreements. We help clients with all aspects of regulatory issues including licensing and registration as well as land division and state planning issues.

Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession has recognised Finlaysons as a 'first tier' SA Energy and Resources firm and 'recommended' Australian Energy and Resources firm. We are at the forefront of advice to the renewable energy sector – an area of increasing focus for governments and industry. We have worked on many ground-breaking renewable energy developments and successfully negotiated projects from their inception through development and in many cases through to expansion. We advised on the development of South Australia's first private wind farm at Lake Bonney and have since acted in many wind farm developments, including the Snowtown Wind Farm. We act for clients in the geothermal and solar industries, including Petratherm Ltd, and advise retail energy participants on requirements underpinning the Renewable Energy Target.

As an industry leader in renewable energy, we're also helping to shape its future. We use our networks, expertise and resources not only to get results for our clients, but also to contribute positively to the growth and development of the energy sector as a whole. We're intimately involved in developing laws and regulations both in advising clients and through our extensive industry involvement. We support the industry through regular speaking engagements, alerts and articles and we are actively involved in industry associations, including the Clean Energy Council, Australian Institute of Energy and Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association.

We're energy specialists, but our clients also benefit from the complementary skills of our environmental, resources, taxation and Native Title law practitioners.

Our expertise includes:

- project agreements
- connection agreements
- engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contracts
- power purchase agreements
- landowner agreements
- Native Title
- environmental issues
- national electricity law
- regulatory frameworks
- planning approvals
- licensing approvals
- Foreign Investment Review Board approvals
- mergers and acquisitions
- due diligence
- mandatory renewable energy targets (MRET) and green energy credits advice
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Abatement Schemes
- corporate governance
- workplace issues

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We work in partnership with you to develop a long-term and productive working relationship that is built on mutual trust and respect. Clients come to us because of our reputation; they stay because of the experience.

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- Banking and Finance
- Defence
- Education and Research
- Energy
- Family Business & Private Wealth Management
- Health
- Insurance
- Property and Development
- Resources
- Wine

Specialty Areas

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- Corporate
- Environment, Climate Change and Planning
- Intellectual Property
- Planning
- Risk and Dispute Management
- Tax and Revenue
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- Workplace Relations, Management and Safety

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