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Planning

Navigating through the planning approval process needs practical thinking and specialist expertise.

Whether you're developing your business or you're in the development business, we understand the importance to your project of effective and timely approvals and development agreements. We're proud to share our experience in planning and development to help our clients bring their projects to fruition.

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“ We have the experience and know-how to help you through any stage of the development process. ”



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We have a wealth of experience in providing advice and assistance to a wide range of clients in relation to planning and development issues.

Our team regularly helps businesses to understand the range of planning and development approvals that their projects require, and guides them through application and assessment processes.

Whether the projects are big or small, we've assisted our clients to identify best-fit approvals pathways, prepare applications and supporting documentation (including detailed environmental impact assessments), engage with assessing authorities, environmental regulators and stakeholders, and negotiate practical and appropriate conditions of consent.

We provide advice about appeal rights and procedures, and help clients through the planning appeal process where necessary.

We have specialist experience in managing environmental issues associated with project development, including compliance requirements and interrelated authorisations.

We regularly advise developers about site contamination risks and liabilities, including investigation and management obligations, site contamination audit requirements and transfer of liability.

We provide practical legal advice about solving planning-related project issues and work with project teams to obtain timely and effective approvals.

Our expertise includes:

- planning and development, including approval processes
- development applications
- variations of conditions of consent
- planning appeals
- project development and project approvals
- major developments, crown developments and preparation of environmental impact assessments
- consultation with state agencies
- property and urban development
- commercial developments
- wind farm development
- mining and infrastructure development
- agribusiness development
- submissions and representations
- extensions of lapsing approvals
- heritage listing and development of heritage places
- land management agreements
- infrastructure agreements
- development agreements

- encumbrances and design guidelines
- site contamination audit requirements for planning consents
- obligations to investigate and remediate site contamination
- management and transfer of site contamination liability
- engagement with the Environment Protection Authority
- noise requirements
- greenhouse gas emissions requirements for developments
- associated approvals including native vegetation clearance, water permits, water licences, EPA works approvals and EPA licences
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act) referrals and approvals

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