



# HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS APPOINTS ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING EXPERT IN BRISBANE

03 February 2022

---

Herbert Smith Freehills is pleased to announce the appointment of Kathryn Pacey as a partner in the firm's market-leading Real Estate practice in Brisbane.

Kathryn, who starts at Herbert Smith Freehills in early February, joins from Clayton Utz where she has been a partner for 10 years. At Clayton Utz, Kathryn was the National Practice Group Leader of the Environment and Planning team.

Kathryn specialises in environmental assessment, major project approvals, incident management and compliance, planning litigation and regulatory issues. She also has extensive experience in managing investigations and assisting clients on environmental issues arising from M&A transactions.

She has represented clients in the Planning and Environment Court, Queensland Supreme Court, Federal Court and in Commissions of Inquiry.

Herbert Smith Freehills' Managing Partner, Real Estate (Asia and Australia), David Sinn said: "We are delighted to have Kathryn joining our team. She is highly regarded in the market, having advised on Queensland's most significant infrastructure projects in the last 20 years, including transport, mining, water, energy and community infrastructure projects.

"She is a standout in regards to her projects and regulatory legislative advisory work. Her ability to run front-end and back-end matters also sets her apart in the market, uniquely positioning her to advise clients on the entire project lifecycle.

"Kathryn complements our existing team of experts and will collaborate across the Brisbane office and with our national Resources and Mining, Projects/Infrastructure and Real Estate groups as they help clients to navigate increasingly complex environment and planning matters."

# MEDIA CONTACT

For further information on this news article, please contact:

**KELLY MURRAY, EXTERNAL  
COMMUNICATIONS LEAD**

SYDNEY

Tel: +61 2 9322 4472

Mob: +61 429 115 625

Email: [kelly.murray@hsf.com](mailto:kelly.murray@hsf.com)