

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS PROMOTES FIVE TO PARTNERSHIP IN AUSTRALIA

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Herbert Smith Freehills has announced five new partner promotions in Australia, effective from today.

The new partners, from the firm's preeminent project finance, projects and environment & planning teams in Sydney and Melbourne, are experienced practitioners with well-established reputations in the marketplace:

- **Heidi Asten** from the firm's Melbourne office has deep knowledge and experience in all aspects of environmental and planning law. She advises governments and private clients on all areas of Commonwealth and State environmental and planning approvals, heritage and land access, and specialises in indigenous cultural heritage issues.
- **Elizabeth Charlesworth** is an experienced project finance expert based in Sydney. She specialises greenfield developments for energy & infrastructure and assets as well as acquisitions & divestments of such assets. She has acted for both financiers and sponsors on a range of transactions across the sector covering the UK, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia. Elizabeth is also a member of Herbert Smith Freehills' Australia/Japan team with a particular focus on advising Japanese corporates and financiers on Australian and international projects.
- **Andrew Griffiths** is Sydney-based and has expertise across a wide range of construction and infrastructure projects and PPPs in Australia and the United Kingdom, acting for governments, project sponsors and contractors across a variety of sectors, including roads, rail, healthcare, education, defence, transport, power, water treatment and property development.
- **Richard Wilkinson** is based in Melbourne and has experience advising clients in

multiple jurisdictions across Australia. His extensive project delivery experience extends to PPPs: engineering, procurement, and construction contracts, design and construction contracts, alliance agreements, operation and maintenance agreements, as well as offtake, connection and joint venture agreements.

- **Erin Wyeth** is a specialist projects lawyer based in Melbourne. She specialises in infrastructure and project development projects, with a particular focus on secondary market privatisations and PPPs. She has experience working on projects across Australia and in the Middle East.

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