

# ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND COMMUNITIES

## WINNING AND PROTECTING YOUR LEGAL AND SOCIAL LICENCE TO OPERATE

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We work closely with our clients on large and complex matters that demand a creative, strategic and commercial approach to environment and planning issues.

As project stakeholders face increasing public and regulatory scrutiny as they navigate environment and planning matters, it's important to anticipate issues and proactively manage them to avoid negative public perception and regulatory risk. We will work closely with you to understand where weaknesses may lie, to ensure that proactive steps are taken to minimise these risks.

Early involvement in projects means we can help to develop robust and best practice land acquisition and environmental approval strategies, to identify key issues and mitigate risk of disputes as the project progresses. We understand that environment and planning challenges can impact the commercial viability of your project, and will help you to keep your project on track and on budget.

Our global team acts on high profile, high risk projects and schemes within energy, infrastructure, mining, urban development and urban regeneration sectors. We work closely with our real estate, corporate, disputes and projects teams, and engage external technical consultants, to offer an end-to-end service on such projects.

We bring together experts in land access and acquisition, environment and planning, regulatory approvals, [native title and indigenous cultural heritage](#) to provide you with seamless and integrated project advice. We can also assist with environmental crisis prevention and management by sharing our real and practical experience in responding to major incidents and crises which often involve multi-jurisdictional issues and coordination across speciality teams.

## RELATED EXPERTISE

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## RECENT EXPERIENCE

### **MELBOURNE METRO RAIL PROJECT**

Advising on all environment, planning, land assembly, historic and Aboriginal heritage, land acquisition and property matters on the landmark A\$12 billion Melbourne Metro Rail Project in Melbourne, Australia.

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## **OLYMPIC DAM**

Advising BHP Billiton on environmental impact assessment, cultural heritage and groundwater issues associated with the proposed expansion of the Olympic Dam uranium mine in South Australia

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## **NSW GOVERNMENT**

Advising on the planning aspects and planning issues for the Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) projects in New South Wales - which is an Australian first. This includes providing ongoing strategic support and advice on the CWO Renewable Energy Zone and four other REZ projects, including an offshore wind component

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## **BROCKTON EVERLAST**

Advising on the redevelopment of Newcombe House, located above Notting Hill Gate underground station. This is a major development scheme of strategic importance in a prominent location in Central London. Planning permission for the project was granted by the Secretary of State in June 2020 following a call-in inquiry

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## **CARLYLE GROUP**

Advising on the application of the environmental planning permission for the "Tour Arago", a high-rise office tower located in La Défense (Paris' leading business district), and on the negotiation to withdraw the appeal against the planning permission and on the defence of the client before the administrative courts

## EL CAÑAVERAL

Advising a compensation board formed by a number of financial entities on the planning and environment issues linked with one of the largest developments in the south of Madrid, Spain

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