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## BACKGROUND

David holds a LLB (Hons) and BComm from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand. He is a member of the Australian Resources & Energy Law Association (AMPLA).

Prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills David was the global head of mining for another large international law firm.

## KEY SERVICES

Corporate  
Mergers & Acquisitions

## KEY SECTORS

Energy  
Mining

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## EXPERIENCE

He has experience in mergers and acquisitions and project development for clients in the energy, infrastructure and resources industries, and for Governments and the private sector on infrastructure asset privatisation programmes.

David has acted on many of the major trade sales and privatisations in the Australian infrastructure industries, on the reform and privatisation of the NSW electricity and ports sectors and for both major and junior mining companies on project and joint venture establishment, infrastructure access and commodity offtake arrangements.

He is listed as a leading lawyer in energy and resources, oil & gas and M&A by various publications, including *Chambers*, *PLC Whichlawyer?*, *Guide to the World's Leading Energy Lawyers*, *Doyle's Guide* and *Best Lawyers*.

## **DAVID'S EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:**

IFM and AustralianSuper on their unsolicited proposal and \$16.2 billion acquisition of the Ausgrid electricity network business

The Hastings, Spark, ADIA, Wren House and CdPQ consortium on their \$10.6 billion acquisition of the Transgrid electricity network business

IFM on its sale of the Pacific Hydro renewable energy business in Australia, Chile and Brazil

Bidders for the Ports of Newcastle, Darwin and Melbourne

Origin Energy on its asset sales programme, including the sale of the Mortlake terminal station, Mortlake pipeline, Cullerin Range wind farm and Stockyard Hill wind farm development

Numerous purchasers, sellers and developers of wind and solar renewable energy projects in Australia and Asia

Mitsubishi Electric on its successful consortium bid for development of the \$2.3 billion New Intercity Fleet rail rollingstock programme

NSW Treasury on the reform and privatisation of the NSW electricity retail and generation sectors

Queensland Treasury on its privatisation programme for the State electricity generators