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BACKGROUND

Hiroko is admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Hiroko completed her law degrees in both Japan and Australia (Juris Doctor, University of New South Wales).

Prior to joining Herbert Smith Freehills, she gained experience working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Embassy of Japan in Australia as a diplomat.

Hiroko is fluent in English and Japanese, and is also proficient in Russian and French.

KEY SERVICES

[Mergers & Acquisitions](#)
[Project Finance](#)

KEY SECTORS

[Banks and other Financial Institutions](#)
[Government and Public Sector](#)

EXPERIENCE

Hiroko has experience in project finance transactions, including the financing and refinancing of a number of renewable energy projects. She has acted for both financiers and sponsors on a range of transactions.

Hiroko also works closely with Japanese corporations, including trading houses and banks conducting business or investing in Australia. Hiroko has worked in both the Sydney and Tokyo offices to strengthen the firms Australia-Japan corridor. She regularly works with Japanese clients on their cross-border investments.

Hiroko's experience includes:

- advising the Australian Renewable Energy Agency in relation to its grant funding of Australia's first utility scale energy to waste facility, located in Western Australia
- advising financiers in relation to the refinancing of Hallet 4 Wind Farm, located in South Australia
- advising MUFG Bank, Société Générale, Mizuho Bank in relation to the project financing of First Solar's development of the 95MW Beryl Solar Farm located in New South Wales, Australia
- advising on the project financing of four separate greenfield solar development which include large scale solar ARENA grant funding
- representing a company in JCAA arbitration against a Japanese manufacturer