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Matthew specialises in mergers and acquisitions in the mining, resource and private equity sectors.

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BACKGROUND

Matthew holds bachelor degrees in law and business (accounting) from the University of Technology, Sydney, and a Master of Laws from the University of Sydney. Matthew is admitted to practise in New South Wales, and England and Wales. He is also a qualified chartered accountant.

KEY SERVICES

[Private Equity](#)
[Mergers & Acquisitions](#)

KEY SECTORS

[Mining](#)
[Energy](#)

EXPERIENCE

He has advised on multibillion-dollar merger and acquisitions deals in Australia and around the world.

Matthew advises listed and private companies, and private equity sponsors in the mining and resources, construction, travel and hospitality industries. His clients include QIC, CHAMP Private Equity, CHAMP Ventures, Santos and Toyota Tsusho Mining (Australia).

Matthew has also worked in London, where he advised private equity houses on recapitalisations, acquisitions and divestitures.

Matthew's experience includes acting for:

- Santos Limited on its sell-down of a 22.5% stake in its Gladstone liquefied natural gas project to Total S.A. for more than US\$1 billion, including related post-sale shareholder arrangements
- the Queensland Government on the sale of Forestry Plantations Queensland to Hancock Queensland Plantations for more than A\$600 million
- a consortium of investors (including QIC, GIP, Borealis, Future Fund, Chinese Investment Corporation, CalPERS and National Pension Service of Korea) on the acquisitions of a 50-year lease of the Port of Melbourne from the Victorian Government for A\$9.7 billions
- Leighton Holdings Limited on its restructure and sale of a 50% interest in the services division of Thiess Services and Leighton Contractors to Apollo Global Management, LLC, forming a 50:50 investment partnership with an enterprise value of A\$1.075 billion
- CNOOC Gas & Power in relation to its interest in the \$20 billion QCLNG Project
- The Campbell Group, LLC and Future Fund on the acquisition of the ForestrySA business from the South Australian Government