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BACKGROUND

Rebecca holds a Master of Project Management, Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Bachelor of Science (Geography) each from the University of Sydney.

KEY SERVICES

Environment, Planning and Communities
Health, Safety and Environmental Crisis
Management

KEY SECTORS

Government and Public Sector
Energy

EXPERIENCE

For over 10 years, Rebecca has acted on State-significant major projects, large transactions with material environmental issues and significant environmental litigation. She has extensive, specialist experience in contamination liability and pollution incidents. She is a 'go to person' on environmental crisis management. Rebecca has strong technical expertise on all aspects of environment and planning law, including approvals processes, strategic planning advice, Court appeals and enforcement actions, both by regulatory authorities and third-party action groups.

Rebecca has lead complex negotiations with commercial parties and environment and planning regulators. Her focus is on early identification and minimisation of project risks. Her science and project management background assists her to bridge the gap for clients between complex technical matters, legal risks and commercial objectives.

Rebecca's experience acting for NSW Government clients in major urban renewal projects is extensive. City-shaping projects in which Rebecca has recently played, or is playing, a leading role on environment and planning matters include:

- Circular Quay Precinct Renewal (NSW);
- Western Sydney Airport (NSW);
- Barangaroo (NSW); and
- Central Riyadh Regeneration (Saudi Arabia).

Rebecca also advises private clients with a particular focus on strategic advice on complex planning pathways, community and regulator consultation and appeal risks for:

- contaminated industrial sites;
- renewable energy projects;
- coal mines; and
- the waste industry.

Rebecca is involved in industry associations including the Australian Land and Groundwater Association. She also supports aspiring young lawyers through mentoring programs.

