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Alex Jones provides advice in relation to the acquisition, feasibility assessment, development and operation of resource projects and major infrastructure projects. He assist clients with negotiating the full range of commercial agreements associated with the acquisition and development of projects, identifying and obtaining necessary tenure and approvals and resolving associated contentious matters including administrative proceedings, judicial review of administrative decisions and commercial disputes.

Alex is typically engaged by clients early at a project-origination stage so he can assist with scoping and feasibility assessment, development strategy, the management of critical path approvals, government liaison and stakeholder management.

Alex looks after a large stable of junior and mid-cap explorers and miners who he has assisted with the aggregation, management, retention and commercialisation of tenement portfolios. He also has a wealth of experience in the development of bulk commodity supply chains and the provision of infrastructure and essential services in remote areas (including power, water, gas, transport and accommodation). He has an unparalleled track record in successfully delivering linear infrastructure on schedule despite the significant tenure, approval and stakeholder obstacles.

Alex has been involved in regulatory reform in Western Australia for 15 years, sitting on various committees and making submissions to Government on behalf of industry.

Alex is the Co-Chair of the Mining Sector for DLA Piper globally. He is also the head of the Finance & Projects Group in Perth.

EXPERIENCE

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE:

RELATED SERVICES

- Administrative Law
- Corporate
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Construction and Engineering
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Real Estate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Power and Transmission
- Water and Waste
- Commercial Contracts Disputes
- Oil and Gas
- Transport
- Appellate Advocacy
- Renewables

RELATED SECTORS

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Government Contracting

- Tenement transactions including asset sale, share sale, joint venture, royalty and split commodity agreements
- Off-take, haulage and handling agreements
- Land access agreements and tenure solutions
- Regulatory approvals
- Native title and Aboriginal heritage
- Proceedings before the Mining Warden
- Mining Act compliance
- Environmental impact assessment and planning approvals
- Judicial review of administrative decisions including Ministerial decisions
- Government concessions
- Compulsory acquisition

MAJOR CLIENTS:

- Abengoa - Confidential renewable energy projects
- Artemis - Mining Warden's proceedings
- API - West Pilbara Iron Ore Project
- BC Iron - Nullagine Joint Venture
- Byrnegut - Slivovo Joint Venture (Republic of Kosovo)
- Cassini - West Musgrave Project
- Gold Road - Yamarna Belt
- Mitsubishi - Jack Hills Mine and Oakajee Port & Rail Project
- Mirabela Nickel - Santa Rita Nickel Project (Brazil)
- ResCap - Private equity fund investment
- Samsung C&T - Roy Hill Project
- Sandfire - De Grussa Copper/Gold Mine
- Saracen - Carosue Dam

CREDENTIALS

Recognitions

Alex is recognised by *Chambers and Best Lawyers* as a leading lawyer and being a "very solutions-oriented" practitioner and "extremely competent within the projects approval area, innovative in his thinking and pragmatic and to the point".

Memberships

Over many years, Alex has provided support to industry by preparing submissions to Government in relation to regulatory reform, including through his active participation in industry committees including:

- Australian Mining & Petroleum Law Association
- Chamber of Minerals & Energy
- Association of Mineral Exploration Companies

INSIGHTS

Publications

Digital Transformation in Energy and Natural Resources

9 October 2019

The global demand for power rises, the requirement for increased productivity, greater efficiencies in distribution and flexibility for consumers (both corporate and residential) is also growing. As such, we have launched report on how digital technologies are impacting the Energy and Natural Resources sector.

NEWS

DLA Piper releases Mining in Africa Guide

28 AUG 2018

DLA Piper has today released its comprehensive guide to the mining sector in Africa. The guide provides a high-level snapshot of the mining industry and regulatory framework across 32 African jurisdictions.
