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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 Energy & Natural Resources Sector for DLA Piper globally. He is also the head of the Finance & Projects Group in Perth.

- Public and Administrative Law
 - Corporate
 - Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
 - Construction and Engineering
 - Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
 - Regulatory and Government Affairs
 - Real Estate
 - Mergers and Acquisitions
 - Power and Transmission
 - Water and Waste
 - Oil and Gas
 - Transport
 - Renewables
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- Energy and Natural Resources

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE:

- 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
- Byrnescut - 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

The Hydrogen Revolution in the Asia Pacific

6 October 2021

Hydrogen is already having, and will continue to have, a significant impact in the Asia Pacific region – the opportunity is already being embraced by Australia, Japan and the Republic of Korea in particular. Hydrogen offers the region a practical option to reduce carbon emissions and fossil fuel dependency.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Leichhardt on corporate restructure and equity investment

4/27/2022

DLA Piper has advised Leichhardt Industrials Group Pty Ltd (Leichhardt) on its intragroup corporate restructure, the subscription for a 20% stake by the Smorgon family, and additional capitalisation from Leichhardt's existing shareholders, including RCF Opportunities Fund L.P, and Andrew Liveris.

DLA Piper launches Hydrogen Revolution in Asia Pacific report

7 October 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has today launched its second report on the hydrogen revolution, this time analysing developments in the Asia Pacific region.
