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Chanel Mercurio is a corporate M&A and Projects lawyer who has experience acting for a range of clients from start-ups to listed companies and fund managers across a variety of sectors, with a particular focus on renewable energy, infrastructure, agriculture and consumer markets.

Chanel has developed strong skills in private M&A transactions, managing large scale due diligences, equity capital markets transactions, FIRB matters, employee incentive schemes, and corporate governance and Corporations Act compliance matters.

- Advising Althea Group Holdings Limited, an Australian founded medicinal cannabis company, on its AUD19.65 million IPO and listing on the Australian Securities Exchange.*
- Advising Hassad Food Group in relation to the merger of its Australian pastoral and cropping properties with Macquarie Group's agricultural investment business, Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Asset (MIRA).*
- Advising AirTrunk, a technology start up, in relation to its AUD400 million capital raising from Goldman Sachs and TSSP comprising equity investment and mezzanine financing as well as senior debt.*
- Advising BP Australia in relation to its AUD1.8 billion acquisition of Woolworth Limited's network of Australian retail petrol stations.*
- Advising Canadian Solar, one of the third largest integrated solar companies globally, on an investment by Foresight Group in two utility scale solar farms in Queensland and the simultaneous divestment of an additional solar farm in Queensland. The transaction included project financing and implementation of a unique structure for two adjacent projects to share connection infrastructure to connection to the grid.*
- Advising global investment firm BlackRock on its first renewable energy investment in Australia, the acquisition by a fund managed by BlackRock of a majority interest in a portfolio of two large scale solar PV projects in Queensland, namely the 150MW Daydream project and the 50MW Hayman.*
- Advising hyperscale data centre specialist AirTrunk on a sale of a majority interest in the AirTrunk group to an infrastructure fund managed by Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Asset (MIRA) – a transaction which valued AirTrunk at over AUD3 billion.

- Corporate
- Capital Markets
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Renewables

- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Financial Services
- Industrials
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport
- Technology

- Advising Linfox in relation to its acquisition of Aurizon's Queensland Intermodal Business.*

(* - Experience gained while at a previous firm)

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria
- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia

Recognitions

- Acritas Stars independently rated lawyer, 2019 & 2020

Education

- Deakin University, Bachelor of Laws (Hons)
- Deakin University, Bachelor of Commerce (Finance)

Memberships

Law Institute of Victoria

Melbourne Corporations Committee

Publications

Release of exposure draft legislation for major reforms to Australia's Foreign Investment Framework

10 August 2020

Many governments around the world have been strengthening their laws relating to foreign investment. Australia is no exception to this development and has just released proposed sweeping reforms to its foreign investment regime. In this article, we provide a high level overview of the key proposed amendments and our thoughts on how some of those proposals are likely to affect foreign investment into Australia.

COVID-19: National security risks lead to expanded global foreign direct investment reviews

11 May

Key developments in global FDI review regimes.

Australian Government increases scrutiny on foreign investment as part of response to COVID-19

31 March 2020

OVERVIEW

- Monetary screening threshold reduced to \$0 for all foreign investments under the FATA
 - Timetables for new and existing applications to be extended up to 6 months
 - Priority will be given to applications for investments that support Australian business and jobs so, where applicable, this should be highlighted in applications to FIRB
 - Transactions signed prior to 10:30pm on Sunday, 29 March not impacted by changes
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NEWS

DLA Piper advises on investment in Jolt Charge

9 September 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised BlackRock Real Assets on its investment in innovative Australian electric vehicle charging company, JOLT Charge. This is BlackRock Real Assets' first investment in the EV charging infrastructure sector in Asia-Pacific and will provide JOLT with the required capital to accelerate its roll out of EV charging stations across Australia.

DLA Piper advises Cobram Estate Olives on ASX listing

11 August 2021

DLA Piper is proud to have advised Cobram Estate Olives Limited on its listing on the Australian Securities Exchange.

DLA Piper advises Banpu Energy Australia on first renewable power investment in Australia

7 June 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper is proud to have advised Banpu Energy Australia on its entry into a Securities Sale Agreement for the acquisition of a portfolio of two operating utility scale solar projects in New South Wales from New Energy Solar Limited.

DLA Piper advises Trajan Scientific and Medical on its IPO and ASX Listing

7 June 2021

Global law firm DLA Piper is proud to have advised Trajan Scientific and Medical (**Trajan**) on its successful initial public offering (**IPO**) and ASX listing.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination

process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.
