



Social Infrastructure

Our award winning team is an acknowledged market leader in the global social infrastructure market and has been active in the sector since its inception. Delivering successful social infrastructure PPP projects is about being global. Achieving improvements in public services and tapping global funding markets often involves working with talent outside the country in question, bringing in new models and techniques that have been developed and deployed elsewhere. At DLA Piper, we lead the way in opening up geographic and sector markets for clients thanks to our global reach and ability to export know-how across borders.

We advise both the private and public sector on high-profile social infrastructure projects including sponsors, contractors, funders, central and local government. As well as advising on the procurement and negotiation of projects, our work frequently sees us providing advice and support to our clients post-close during the construction and operational phases.

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CAPABILITES

With dedicated teams of lawyers from different countries sharing their local knowledge, we are organized to deliver thought leadership across the full range of social infrastructure sectors including:

- Education;
- Healthcare;
- Emergency services and Judicial;
- Social housing and Regeneration;
- Student accommodation;
- Civic accommodation;
- Leisure.

EXPERIENCE

- Long Beach Courthouse Building, California - our US and UK offices represented the senior lenders (and hedging banks) to the Long Beach Judicial Partners, a consortium sponsored and led by Meridiam Infrastructure Fund on the US\$490 million financing for the design, build, finance, operation and maintenance of the new Long Beach Courthouse Building in California.
- Birmingham Building Schools for the Future, UK - we advised Lend Lease Infrastructure Limited on its bid through to financial close

on Birmingham BSF. This is the largest BSF scheme in the UK.

- Bonnyrigg Living Communities PPP project - Advising Bonnyrigg Partnerships Nominee Pty Limited, the project company owned by Westpac, on its existing contractual and financing arrangements in respect of the Bonnyrigg Living Communities PPP project. This is a project for the revitalisation of an 81 hectare housing estate in western Sydney through 18 stages of redevelopment, with existing social housing dwellings being either upgraded or demolished and replaced by 699 new public housing dwellings and more than 1,600 privately owned dwellings.
- Bendigo Hospital PPP Project - we advised Lend Lease on the on the New Bendigo Hospital project, a \$630 million PPP for the design, build, finance and operation of the new medical facilities. The project will be the largest regional hospital development in Victoria and one of the largest in Australia. The hospital will offer world-class facilities such as a helipad, a regional integrated cancer centre, a purpose-built 80-bed mental health facility, an integrated women's and children's facility, additional acute inpatient beds and acute same-day beds, additional operating theatres, and expanded research and education facilities
- Priority Schools Building Programme, UK - we are advising bidders on this education programme within the United Kingdom. These schemes will be delivered via PF2, the UK government's new approach to private finance.
- Little London, Beeston Hill & Holbeck Project - we advised Leeds City Council on the regeneration of the Little London, Beeston Hill and Holbeck areas which includes more than 1200 council homes refurbished, 388 new council homes built and environmental improvements to local neighbourhoods and estates.
- Woking Non-HRA Social Housing PFI - we advised Thames Valley Housing Association on its roles as housing management and FM contractor, landlord, sponsor, investor and RV underwriter on this innovative social housing scheme which closed in November 2013.
- Flemish Schools PPP Project - we advised the lenders on this project which is the largest European school infrastructure PPP project, structured through one single DBFM Company entering into up to 211 individual DBFM Agreements based on one single template.
- Turkey Hospital PPP Projects - we are advising on a number of the ground-breaking health PPPs in procurement in Turkey, including advising the Ministry of Health on the early structuring phases of the Kayseri Hospital Project and advising sponsors on the Kayseri Hospital and Gaziantep Hospital Projects and potential lenders on a number of other deals in this market.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Driving change: The decarbonisation of European transport

1 April 2022

Our new study, in association with Acuris Studios, surveyed 100 senior executives of organisations based in Europe that have invested in European decarbonisation projects and/or technologies related to aviation, rail or shipping in the past 24 months.

Economic drivers in Latin America: Key industry sectors and the rise of SESG

1 April 2022

Overshadowed by the pandemic, Latin America's GDP growth results closed 2020 at nearly – 8%, while global GDP growth results closed at – 5%. The growth forecast for 2021 is at 4.1%, relying on the vaccination efforts across Latin America countries to combat COVID-19, as well as the many relief packages launched by the world's biggest economies to help emerging economies.

Green Hydrogen in Chile: A Contribution to the Global Energy Transition

1 April 2022

Nowadays we see governments around the world adopting decarbonization policies to transition their economies away from high-emission electricity generation and polluting manufacturing/production of goods and services.

Projects Global Insight Issue 5, 2022

1 April 2022

PROJECTS GLOBAL INSIGHT

Welcome to the new issue of the Project Global Insights 2022. In some areas of the globe we are now seeing a gradual loosening of restrictions triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, and stakeholders and governments across the world continue to focus on transport, infrastructure and clean energy investments to boost economic activities.

The Biden Plan: The most awaited infrastructure plan for the US

1 April 2022

The need for an adequate infrastructure program for the US is well known. This program has taken several presidencies to see the light of day, but it finally took the form of a concrete and ambitious plan presented by the Biden Administration in March 2021 known as the American Jobs Plan.

'Boomerang' decommissioning liabilities for the oil & gas industry in Australia

1 April 2022

Since ExxonMobil drilled Australia's first offshore well in 1965, Australia's oil & gas industry has developed, grown and matured, supporting Australia's energy security and generating significant economic growth.

The Future of UK Infrastructure - Summary of the Panel Discussion

15 November 2021

Summary of a panel discussion looking at the future of UK infrastructure, post-COVID and post-Brexit. Panellists were Rt Hon Jesse Norman MP (former Financial Secretary to the Treasury), Sir John Armit CBE (Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission) and Dr Gemma Tetlow (Chief Economist at the Institute for Government).

Three ESG steps to keep your project bankable in 2021

17 September 2020

Version four of the Equator principles will take effect on 1 October 2020, and it introduces three new requirements to the international environmental and social baseline for project finance.
