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OVERVIEW

Luke is an environment and planning lawyer with experience advising on planning, pollution and contamination, environment incidents, and acquisition of land.

Luke has an intimate understanding of environment regulation and planning approval processes. He previously worked as a senior in-house lawyer at the NSW Environment Protection Authority and has advised public and private sector clients on some of Australia's largest projects.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Finalist, *Lawyers Weekly 30 under 30*, Planning and Environment (2021)

EDUCATION

- B.A., Macquarie University, 2015
- LL.B., Macquarie University, 2015 (*Hons I*)

ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of New South Wales

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 3 September 2021, Much Anticipated Australian Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Bill Introduced to Parliament (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 1 June 2021, *Après Ski*: Two Rules for NSW Environmental Prosecutions after the Charlotte Pass Snow Resort Case (*Alerts/Updates*)

- 26 November 2020, Avoiding Bill Shock: What You Need To Know About The Electricity Infrastructure Investment Bill 2020 (NSW) (*Alerts/Updates*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 10 August 2021, K&L Gates Acts for Dicker Data in AU\$68 Million Acquisition (*Noteworthy Work*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advising on environment and planning issues arising in solar projects, including for one of Australia's largest solar farms at Darlington Point.
- Advising on the environmental assessment and approval processes for major projects including WestConnex, Sydney Light Rail, and Sydney Metro.
- Acting for and advising Sydney Metro on compulsory acquisition processes and proceedings.
- Advising on the environmental and planning issues associated with the \$40 million acquisition of Wet & Wild Sydney.
- Advising Orica on environment licensing and acting for Orica in proceedings related to an environment incident.
- Advising successful bidders on the privatisation of the Ausgrid and Endeavour Energy distribution networks.
- Advising EnergyAustralia on environmental and planning issues associated with the Mt Piper and Wallerawang power stations.
- Advising the NSW Environment Protection Authority on environment protection licences, pollution, contamination, waste, orders and exemptions, notices, compliance, agreements, delegations and grants.