



Property, planning and environment

At Cooper Grace Ward, we have a dedicated property, planning and environment team that combines significant experience in property acquisition, development and disposal, with expertise in addressing complex planning and environmental issues.

We advise commercial clients, public and private developers, government, and those affected by property development. We work closely with leading consultants in fields such as engineering, energy and resources, environmental science, planning, cultural heritage, infrastructure and property management.

Our team has acted in some of Queensland's landmark property transactions and most significant master planned projects. The extent of our experience is testament to our ability to assist clients with any type of property, planning or land use matter, regardless of how complex the issue may be.

We have a commitment to understanding the strategic planning behind our clients' projects. We consider not only the myriad of legal issues that affect our clients' ventures, but also their business imperatives.

Property expertise

Our property team advises on all aspects of property transactions, development and leasing.

The team works in conjunction with other practice areas within the firm to provide a comprehensive range of legal services to fulfil our clients' legal requirements.

Our property team practises in all areas of property and real estate law and has particular experience in the following areas:

- joint ventures and property partnerships
- entity structuring and tax, revenue and duty advice
- land configuration advice
- planning and environment advice and appeals
- infrastructure advice and negotiation of infrastructure agreements with local and state authorities
- commercial property development, including office and business parks and shopping centres

- residential development, including master planned communities, land subdivisions and high rise residential projects
- airports and marinas
- industrial land development
- leasing of commercial and industrial real estate, including retail properties for large and small scale shopping centres
- body corporate and community management advice, including scheme and documentation compliance
- construction contract and dispute resolution advice, including building contracts.

Planning and environment expertise

We provide a full range of services relating to planning and environment issues, including:

- conducting due diligence, including planning approvals and environmental licences

- advising on development applications, approval conditions and planning instruments
- acting on planning appeals, including on approval conditions and declaration proceedings
- advising on infrastructure contributions and charges
- conducting appeals and defending prosecutions about pollution and environmental licences
- advising on heritage and cultural issues, including native title
- providing resumption advice and conducting compensation negotiations and Land Court proceedings
- advising in relation to local government law
- advising on all environmental law matters, including notices from administering authorities, contaminated land (including remediation and associated liability issues), environmental audits, environmental impact assessments, environmental licences, regulatory compliance and enforcement, waste management and land fill approvals.

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With more than 20 partners and 200 team members, Cooper Grace Ward is a leading Australian law firm based in Brisbane, servicing clients with a local, national and international presence. As a full service firm, we are known for providing commercial and practical advice, outstanding service and excellence in all practice areas.

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