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Practice Focus

- Construction, engineering & infrastructure
- Services
- International and domestic dispute resolution
- Litigation

Industries

- Energy & resources
- Infrastructure and construction
- Property development, hospitality and leisure

Education

- The University of Western Australia, LL.B., 1978
- The University of Western Australia, B.Juris., 1977

Admission

- Western Australia, 1978

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In his arbitration practice, Greg has been a practising arbitrator for over 25 years. He is an international arbitrator (a fellow of ACICA) and a grade 1 arbitrator of domestic disputes with IAMA (now Resolution Institute).

In his legal practice, Greg is a partner of international law firm Squire Patton Boggs (Perth office). He brings globally recognised contractual, advisory and dispute resolution expertise to his key role in many of Australia's largest resources, energy and infrastructure projects. He advises energy and resources clients on procurement, works and services contracts and project management. Greg's specific project experience includes Australia's major liquefied natural gas (LNG) and iron ore mining projects. He has advised government authorities as well as leading contractors and consultants on the delivery of public infrastructure including major road, port and rail projects and urban redevelopment. He also has assisted governmental entities and power producers regarding power station construction, operation and maintenance and on electricity supply contracts

In relation to regulatory experience, Greg has advised on the electricity regulatory regime in WA including on aspects of access arrangements, prepared standard ETACs and was involved in the drafting of a code of practice.

Greg's involvement in the construction and engineering industry is supported by more than 25 years of experience in dispute resolution. Not only does he advise parties in litigation, arbitration, adjudication and mediation, he is also an international arbitrator and a Grade 1 arbitrator of domestic disputes, as well as an accredited mediator.

He is active in several major industry and legal bodies including the Construction and Infrastructure Forum of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry Western Australia. He is WA chair of the joint Law Council and Law Society of WA Construction and Infrastructure committee. In 2012, Greg was appointed a Fellow of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA).

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

Representative recent arbitrator experience includes:

- Conducted an arbitration concerning an international petroleum related dispute as sole arbitrator appointed by ACICA. The arbitration involved Australian and British Virgin Islands companies and concerned a dispute over an acquisition and farm-in agreement regarding a production area in South East Asia.
- Conducted an ICC arbitration concerning the Kwale Mineral Sands Project including rulings on a strike out application and on discovery and providing a final award.
- Conducted an ICC arbitration as chair of the arbitral panel concerning a Queensland LNG project.
- Conducted a domestic arbitration concerning the Fremantle Port Rous Head Seawall project, which involved several awards.
- Conducted a domestic arbitration between a head contractor and subcontractor concerning a roads dispute regarding the North-West Coastal Highway, involving the issue of several awards.
- Conducting a domestic arbitration concerning the Nammuldi Below Water Table (Iron Ore) Project.

Greg has arbitrated or delivered expert determinations on other major commercial disputes, for example:

- Bluewaters Power Station, Collie.
- Perth Airport Redevelopment.
- Great Eastern Highway Upgrade.
- Philippines Acquisition and Farm-In Agreement.
- David Jones Redevelopment.
- Perth Metro Bus Privatisation.

Greg has presided as arbitrator in over 30 arbitrations or expert determinations and has provided awards with reasons in many of those matters. None of his awards has been the subject of a successful application for leave to appeal.

Greg is a former WA Vice Chairman of IAMA, WA chapter.

He is on the panel of arbitrators of ACICA, Resolution Institute and Australian Disputes Centre.

LEGAL PRACTICE - OIL AND GAS

- Advised on various EPC contract packages for the Ichthys LNG project including preparation of contract qualifications and contract negotiations. The packages relate to site establishment, energy supply, civils and mechanical works.
- Review of and advice on the tender documents and proposed contracts for the geotechnical, precast concrete caissons and utilities packages for the Gorgon Gas Project.
- Review of and advice on various tender packages for the Wheatstone LNG Project.
- Advised the owners of the Goldfields Gas Pipeline and its laterals on various contractual issues involving its gas transmission agreements including the tariffs and charges under those agreements.
- Advised on the site preparation works contract for Woodside's Pluto Gas project for an engineering contractor tendering for this project.
- Advised on the pipeline construction and installation contract for the contractor of Stage 5 of the DBNGP Expansion.
- Advised on early works and earthworks contracts for the site preparation and temporary facilities works for the North West Shelf JV's 5th Train Project.

LEGAL PRACTICE - MINING, MINERALS PROCESSING AND MINING SERVICES

- Advised on and negotiated an EPC contract for a major WA consultant and contractor in the lithium industry relating to the expansion of lithium processing facilities at Kwinana in WA and advised on its contractual arrangements relating to an expansion of the lithium mine and associated infrastructure.
- Advised on agreements relating to the Roy Hill Iron Ore Project.
- Advised an engineering contractor on amendments to the Project Agreement for the delivery, by a hybrid alliance, of a brownfields iron ore expansion project in Western Australia.
- Assisted a WA construction company in their negotiations to successfully secure a substantial general services contract for the Gorgon Project.
- High level review of rail infrastructure contract for the Pilbara Iron Ore & Infrastructure Project.
- Advised a national engineering contractor in relation to its contractual rights and obligations arising under iron ore mining, operation and maintenance contracts with concerning Mining Area C, Yandi and

OreBody 23/25 and negotiating new contracts with BHPB.

- Review of contract for the pre-strip and mining services at Greater Parabadoo and preparation of subcontract between an aboriginal company as head contractor and the major subcontractor.
- Acted for mining services contractors who provided open pit gold mining for the Kalgoorlie Super Pit.

LEGAL PRACTICE - ELECTRICITY AND POWER

- Acted for the owner and operator of a 150 megawatt (MW) combined cycle power station in the Pilbara which involved the preparation and negotiation of the EPC contract.
- Advised an IPP in relation to contractual matters concerning the contract for the completion of the a new Pilbara Power Station and contracts with its offtakers.
- Advised a contractor on Ichthys Project Power Station, involving a turnkey contract for Onshore LNG Facilities, 300MW Combined Cycle Power Plant. Lead adviser – prepared review, qualifications to contract and amendments to EPC contract and participated in negotiations.
- Advised a WA electricity utility on proposed amendments to its standard electricity access contract and its first access arrangement including its various approved policies forming part of and relating to a WA electricity utility's second proposed Access Arrangement submitted to the Economic Regulation Authority under the Electricity Networks Access Code.
- Advised on and assisted in the drafting of the original Code of Conduct for Small Use Customers under the WA electricity regulatory regime.
- Acted for an IPP in relation to the upgrade of a goldfields Power Station and the supply of electricity to A WA electricity utility to help alleviate WA's power shortage, including negotiating and drafting of amendments to agreements with its joint venturer, power purchase agreement, gas supply agreement and operations and maintenance agreement and reviewing network access agreement.
- Advised an international energy company in its acquisition of power stations at Newman, Boodarrie and Port Hedland and acted in an on-going role. Also advised on the electricity regulatory regime in WA, relevant State Agreements and reviewing electricity supply agreements in relation to its eventual sale of its WA power assets and the possible acquisition of additional power assets.

LEGAL PRACTICE - RESOURCES AND ENERGY DISPUTES

- Advised on and representing an international IPP in its claims in the Supreme Court for charges payable under a power purchase agreement concerning a Pilbara Power Station.
- Acted for an engineering contractor during in Supreme Court proceedings concerning Hope Downs 4 and Marandoo Mine Phase 2 iron ore projects.
- Represented a major WA civil contractor in its Supreme Court claim against a Chinese backed mining company relating to monies owing under a contract for the construction of a tailings dam for an iron ore project in the Pilbara.
- Advised the head contractor on variation, delay and disruption claims arising out of the construction of the Combined Cycle Power Plant for the Ichthys Project.
- Advised the head contractor on variation, delay and disruption claims arising out of the SMP contract on the Ichthys Project.
- Advised an international subsea pipe supplier to the Ichthys Project on claims by it and against it by the project owner.
- Advising an international contractor on claims against the EPC contractor for telecommunication works relating to the Ichthys Project.
- Advice on claims relating to the Ichthys LNG project for delay, disruption and variations concerning civil and mechanical works.
- Advised on and defended claims by the project owner for additional works and alleged faulty design and supply of plant and equipment relating to a metering station for the Gorgon LNG project.
- Advised on claims by an onshore pipeline contractor to the Gorgon LNG Project.
- Advised the offshore pipeline installer to the Gorgon LNG Project on its claims against the project owner relating to that project.
- Advised a national engineering contractor on its claims and disputes with the project owner relating to the Darwin LNG Project.
- Advised an international plant and equipment supplier in relation to the project owner's claims against it relating to the Curtis Island LNG Plant and the Gladstone LNG Plant in Queensland.

PORT DISPUTES

- Advised a civil and marine contractor on its contract disputes with its major subcontractor at the Gorgon Project - Barrow Island LNG Plant, relating to the Construction of Site Development and WAPET Landing.

- Advised a major national contractor on its contract for the construction of the Cape Lambert Part B Marine and Jetty Works.
- Advised a major national contractor on its contract for the piling of the Dampier Wharf.
- Advised on a subcontract for the delivery of an overland conveyor at Boodarrie to the port at Port Hedland.
- Acted for the project manager as defendant in Supreme Court proceedings concerning the Dampier Port Upgrade.

RAIL DISPUTES

- Advising the head contract consortium on head contractual and sub-contractual issues and disputes relating to the Forrestfield Airport Link Rail Project between the Perth CBD and the airport.
- Acted for the consortium that delivered the Perth to Mandurah Railway (Package A) from Narrows Bridge, Perth to Mandurah including stations and related infrastructure, and acted in multiple adjudications.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Fellow and active member, Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA).
- Chair of WA Construction and Infrastructure Sub-Committee of Business Law Section of Law Council of Australia and Chair of WA Law Society Committee on Construction and Infrastructure.
- Member, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia's Construction and Infrastructure Forum.
- Former national chair of Business Law Section of Law Council's Resources, Energy and Environmental Law Committee.
- Former executive member, Australian Institute of Energy.
- Former national vice-chair of mediation organization LEADR (now Resolution Institute) and former vice-chairman of WA Chapter of IAMA (now Resolution Institute).