

I'd like to nominate Mark Beaufoy of King +Wood Mallesons

Award 10: Lawyer of the Year

a. Demonstrated expertise in the statute and common law applying to contaminated land & groundwater

- Recognised as a preeminent lawyer in the category of "Leading Environment & Climate Change Lawyer" in the Doyles guide for Victoria 2019 - <https://doylesguide.com/leading-environment-lawyers-victoria-2019/>
- Since 2011 recognised as a leading lawyer in environmental law by Chambers Global and Chambers Asia Pacific and Best Lawyers in Australia

b. Demonstrated development of solutions to complex problems involving contaminated land & groundwater

Contamination and brownfield development

- Advising large property developer on the negotiation of project and sale contracts with the Hunter Development Corporation (representing the State of New South Wales) in relation to the purchase, remediation and redevelopment of a 53 hectare industrial site at Mayfield, Newcastle for industry, warehousing and an intermodal freight facility. The redevelopment includes a significant remediation project associated with a historical contamination legacy from the major steelworks, which BHP operated on the site between 1915 and 1999.
- Advising a number of Australian airports (Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane) on Commonwealth and State regulatory requirements, strategies for procuring clean up and risk and liability allocation associated with contamination caused by tenants at various airport sites
- Advising major industrial and manufacturing companies on the management and remediation of contamination and brownfield renewal strategies including for GM Holden at the Fishermans Bend site.
- Advising the Department of Treasury and Finance in relation to remediation projects, environmental liabilities and remediation costs claims in relation to a number of former gasworks sites in Victoria.
- Advising VicTrack on contaminated land management strategy, remediation projects and recovery of losses associated with contaminating activities from tenants, interface with regulator on clean up notice at particular sites and 'packaging' of clean up requirements at multiple sites. Mark has also provided extensive advice to VicTrack on native vegetation, cultural heritage management and federal environmental legislative requirements under the EPBC Act.

c. Demonstrated actions to advance understanding of the law applying to contaminated land & groundwater and contributed to its development.

- Published on key topics in contaminated land:

http://sites.thomsonreuters.com.au/journals/files/2010/10/j15_v015_LGLJ_pt03_Beaufoy.pdf

- Participated in the Victorian Government's reform of the contaminated land legislation through its Stakeholder Working Group on contaminated land.

- Regular contributor to improving understanding of the law within the sector:

<http://www.ipwea.com/vic/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Mark-Beaufoy-Coffey-IPWEA-Vic-Closed-Landfill-EPA-Guidelines.pdf>

From Dru Marsh