

# Brendan Tobin

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## Areas of expertise

Projects  
Energy  
Mining  
Resources

## Previous engagements

McCullough Robertson  
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## Overview

Brendan is an experienced project lawyer who, prior to joining Nexus was a partner at a leading national firm.

Specialising in the areas of energy, resources and mining, Brendan has acted for a range of clients including Aurizon Operations, Cobbora Holding Company, Macquarie Generation and Yancoala Australia.

## Recent Experience

Brendan's recent experience includes:

- acting for Aurizon Operations (formerly QR National) in the development and construction of a \$200M train support facility near Newcastle;
- advising Cobbora Holding Company (a company owned by the NSW Government) on the development of the Cobbora Coal Project including matters relating to property acquisitions, coal contracts, native title and corporate governance issues;
- acting for Macquarie Generation in a land sale and infrastructure agreement with Glencore Coal for the Ravensworth North Coal Project;
- acting in mergers and acquisitions leading teams of lawyers on due diligence and risks assessments for proposed transactions for mining and resource projects;
- acting for Ashton Coal Operations, a subsidiary of Yancoala Australia Limited, in the merits appeal to the Land & Environment Court concerning the Ashton South East Open Cut coal mining project;
- advising on a range of agreements to facilitate projects including land access, co-operation protocols and construction and procurement;
- developing onshore gas co-operation agreements;
- acquisition and advices relating to hard rock quarries;
- acting for mining clients obtaining project approvals for significant greenfield and brownfield coal projects including planning approval and all subsidiary approvals such as water licensing, pollution approvals, native vegetation and pipeline licences;
- advising resources clients on complex mining lease processes, rights and obligations including mining lease applications, land ownership, notification procedures, land owner claims and objections and native title;
- acting for mining clients in major mining litigation matters regarding lease validity, planning approval challenges, access to land and compensation proceedings;
- incident management and response to safety and environmental matters; and
- advising on water entitlements, trading and licensing.

