



## Public law regulatory

We are New Zealand's leading regulatory team. Our expertise and bench strength is unmatched in the New Zealand market and we have advised on New Zealand's most significant cases.

We are described as a "centre for excellence" on regulatory matters and our lawyers are known for their strategic insight and practical advice.

Our experience includes advising:

- Transpower in relation to allowance for cost of capital permitted by the Commerce Commission
- Wellington International Airport and NZ Airports Association to prevent the alliance between Air New Zealand and Pacific Blue. Our submissions to the ACCC have been instrumental in the ACCC issuing a provisional decision, declining the application
- Wellington International Airport to manage an investigation by the Commerce Commission into its recent tender round for taxi and shuttle space. The Commission released a favourable report
- Telecom on regulatory reform, including engaging officials on regulatory models, assisting with Telecom's response to proposed legislation, the select committee process, the negotiation of undertakings with the Minister and the Commerce Commission, and on the policy and regulatory aspects of its social service obligations
- Meridian on regulatory reform, including changes to the Commerce Act and Electricity Industry Reform Act, on the Electricity Commission's proposals for transmission investment and pricing, on policy and government relations issues, and providing strategic advice on stakeholder relations to Meridian Energy
- Powerco on the reform and implementation of price control across the gas pipelines and electricity lines sectors
- Orion on the reform and implementation of price control in the electricity lines sector
- the Ministry of Economic Development on its Radio Spectrum Licence auction and various securities law matters
- the New Zealand government on the establishment, operation, and subsequent sale of many key State Owned Enterprises, including Telecom, Air New Zealand, Bank of New Zealand and the Crown's forestry assets
- a major multinational firm obtain regulatory clearance to commence trials in New Zealand
- Transpower on the Electricity Governance Rules and on other electricity sector regulatory compliance issues, particularly in relation to the electricity grid upgrade and investment rules, as well as on electricity industry reform matters generally
- New Zealand's largest agricultural producer, largest electricity generator, largest participant in the waste sector and significant forestry and industrial clients, on the Emissions Trading Scheme
- a range of parties, including Wellington International Airport Limited, Christchurch International Airport Limited, Powerco and Orion in their responses to the Commerce Commission's development of its new regulatory control regime under Part 4 of the Commerce Act, and
- New Zealand Post Limited on constructing an appropriate access pricing framework for competitor access to the New Zealand Post network.



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