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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW



The importance of environmental law seems to increase each year, as the full impact of our actions on the environment becomes more evident. Potential environmental liability has become a central issue in property transactions and corporate life.

Our environmental law team advises public and private sector clients including local authorities, national and multi-national companies and property developers in this complex area of law. We have a stand alone environmental practice which provides advice on compliance with the law and offers defence when enforcement action is taken. We work in close cooperation with the property and corporate teams.

Whether you are buying, selling or leasing property, you can't avoid environmental law. We will advise you on how to deal with any environmental liabilities and how to protect your position. Our team will assess the legal risks for you, whether you are an owner, a developer or an occupier and make sure that you understand those risks early on.

In the last few years, we have seen many new environmental initiatives including the remediation of contaminated land, an overhaul of the environmental permitting regime, the introduction of the climate change levy and many new waste minimisation initiatives executive and other terminations.

Whether you are buying a business or a company or simply running your own business, you will need to know whether there are environmental risks involved and whether any environmental licences or consents are required. We can provide you with the practical expert advice and assistance that you need. We work with clients in making applications for licences and consents and also help negotiate the legal issues with the regulators.

We can give you the guidance you need to help you deal with a wide range of environmental challenges whether you are cleaning up contaminated land, facing an abatement notice for nuisance from your business premises or fighting to get permission to run your business as you would wish.

Environmental law is a rapidly developing area and we can provide relevant advice as to the way in which this legislation impacts upon your business. We will add value to your deal and make sure that the right frameworks are in place so that you can trade with confidence amidst a welter of environmental regulation.



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