



Business Law & Property Law

Friday 18 August 2023

Session 10 – 11.55am – 12.55pm

Recent activity in the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales

In this session the presenters will explore four hot topics in the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales. Learn about applications to modify a development consent and the power to amend a modification application, as well as development standards and recent legal principles. The session will also cover building information certificates (BIC), when are they required, and whether you can amend a BIC application. Finally, the presenters will deep dive into environmentally sustainable development and when the impact of climate change must be considered.

Meet the speakers

Jeremy Farrell, Barrister, Martin Place Chambers

Jeremy Farrell was called to the Bar in 2018 and practises at Martin Place Chambers. Jeremy previously spent ten years in the Environment and Planning team at Minter Ellison as a Senior Associate and was an Accredited Specialist in Planning and Environmental Law. Jeremy has had a broad range of experience with planning law, environmental protection legislation, pollution and contamination law, and mining law. He has particular experience with urban development. Jeremy also has significant litigation experience in Class 1 (planning merit appeals), Class 2 (tree disputes), Class 4 (civil enforcement and judicial review) and Class 5 (criminal proceedings) in the NSW Land and Environment Court. He has been involved in numerous easement/restrictive covenant proceedings in the Supreme Court. He has appeared in the NSW Court of Appeal. He has appeared unled in the Land and Environment Court, the District Court, the Local Court and NCAT.

Natasha Hammond, Barrister, Martin Place Chambers

Natasha Hammond is a barrister practising at Martin Place Chambers in Sydney who specialises in planning and environmental law. Natasha appears in courts and tribunals at State and Federal level in relation to a diverse range of matters, including planning and development appeals, administrative law applications, criminal and civil enforcement of planning and environment laws, and building and construction disputes. Prior to being admitted to the Bar, Natasha worked as an environment and planning lawyer in several different contexts including prosecuting environmental offences for the NSW Government, running significant litigation on behalf of community organisations at the Environmental Defenders Office of NSW, advising government and developer clients at a Sydney law firm, and local government in-house roles at the City of Sydney and London Borough of Harrow. Natasha holds a Masters in Environmental Law from the University of Sydney and is a casual lecturer in law at the University of New South Wales. In 2020, Natasha was appointed Environmental Counsel to the NSW Environmental Protection Authority and the EPA Board. Natasha has been listed as a Recommended Environmental and Planning Junior Barrister in the Doyle's Guide every year since 2018.



Craig James Leggat SC, Barrister, Martin Place Chambers

Craig has expertise in complex planning and environmental matters. Craig has appeared for many of the Councils in NSW, the NSW Government and the NSW Environment Protection Authority. Craig has appeared for developers including Lend Lease, Meriton, Mirvac and Walker Corporation.

Craig has appeared in the High Court, the NSW Court of Appeal, the NSW Court of Criminal Appeal, the Full Court of the Federal Court, the Federal Court, the NSW Supreme Court and the NSW Land and Environment Court.

Craig is the former editor of Butterworths High Court and Federal Court Practice. Craig is a former assistant editor of Ritchies Supreme Court Procedure. Craig has Masters Degrees in both law and in arts from the University of Sydney.

Craig has appeared pro bono in many environmental cases including Adrian Burragubba's litigation in the Full Court of the Federal Court against the proposed Adani Coal Mine.

Craig has appeared as a Crown Prosecutor for the NSW DPP in jury trials for murder and historical child sexual assault. Craig has appeared for defendants including Caltex in class five proceedings in the NSW Land and Environment Court. Craig has appeared in the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption for parties including council, mayor, and developers. Craig holds an appointment as Environmental Counsel to the NSW Environment Protection Authority Board. Craig is the Patron of the Australian Lawyers Surfing Association.