



Foreign Owned Subsidiaries

In today's globalized marketplace, companies face numerous challenges in understanding the legal, political, regulatory, and business nuances of establishing a new or subsidiary company or acquiring an existing Australian company. We know because we act for more than 120 foreign owned subsidiaries across a broad range of industries.

Whether it's navigating the legal, financial and tax complexities of a cross-border transaction, instructing on employment and migration issues, managing an IP portfolio or empowering directors in their duties and protecting assets, these unique set of demands and obligations are wolves never far from our clients' doors.

While our relationships are local with an intimate understanding of our client's business and industry, our international reach comes through Multilaw, which provides access to a global network of legal advisers.

Recent experience

IEH Laboratories – acquisition by foreign owned subsidiary

Provided Australian corporate structure advice, which led to assisting in the acquisition of Australian laboratories, purchasing commercial property and Australian business assets.

Leading recruitment business – acquisition by foreign owned subsidiary

Advised on the Australian and New Zealand aspects of a £37 million acquisition (including earn-out payments) of a global healthcare recruitment and managed services business which operates in the United Kingdom and five other countries.

Environmental services company – enterprise bargaining agreements

Advising in relation to the company's enterprise bargaining strategy for the renewal of its various enterprise agreements on a national basis. This included successfully defending an application for a scope order by the CFMEU and advising in connection with foreshadowed good faith bargaining orders. All new enterprise agreements in each State were entered into on terms acceptable to the business with no industrial disruption.

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What our Clients Say

“We were introduced to Macpherson Kelley over ten years ago. Since then, we have dealt with them on acquisitions, breach of trademark, litigation, leasing, a whole range of employment issues from contracts to terminations and everything in between. It’s great to have a bunch of Lawyers who you feel entirely comfortable picking up the phone and asking any business related question. There always seems to be someone within Macpherson Kelley who can help guide us.”

John Toouli, Managing Director – Bolle Australia Pty Ltd

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