

Legal expertise moving Australia forward

Piper Alderman supports transport and logistics businesses across Australia with practical legal advice grounded in an understanding of the sector and its commercial realities. We work with operators, suppliers and industry stakeholders across all stages of their operations, advising on procurement, contracting, regulatory compliance, commercial matters and disputes.

With the sector continuing to respond to regulatory change, infrastructure demands and evolving business models, our team provides tailored advice that considers both immediate legal requirements and longer-term commercial objectives.

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Exceptional service, responsiveness and deep experience in the industry and more broadly. Always receiving practical advice and alternative workable suggestions to consider.”

Some key areas we can help and recent examples include:

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Advising transport operators, family-owned businesses, investors and major industry participants on acquisitions, disposals and strategic transactions across Australia. Our experience includes advising the Lewis family on the sale of Rover Coaches to Buslines Group, the Blanch family on the sale of Blanch's Bus Company to ComfortDelGro Australia, the Young family on the sale of Koala Koaches to Kinetic, and the sale of O'Driscoll Coaches to Kinetic in Tasmania.

We assist across the full transaction lifecycle, including due diligence, regulatory consents, transaction documentation, negotiations and completion.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

We have extensive experience advising transport operators and industry associations on government contracting and competitive tender processes. This includes advising on the recent Rural and Regional Public Bus Service Contracts, Greater Sydney Bus Service Contract regions, MZF ZEB Franchise Agreement in Tranche 1 and 2 and the 4G TransLink Contra`cts.

ZERO EMISSION TRANSITION

Advising transport operators on the increasingly complex transition to zero emission fleets and infrastructure. Examples include advising Keolis on the electrification of Brookvale, North Sydney and Mona Vale depots and the Dyson Group and ComfortDelGro on depot electrification under Victoria's MZF ZEB Franchise. Our work encompasses electric bus procurement, depot infrastructure, EPC and O&M agreements, government contract variations, financing arrangements and ZEB implementation plans.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Our transport experience extends to the property and infrastructure that underpin passenger transport operations. We have advised on the acquisition, sale and leasing of depots as part of transactions involving Blanch's Bus Company, Blue Mountains Bus Company, Youngs Bus Service and Duffy's Bus Service, including environmental and contamination considerations where relevant. We also advise on the development and electrification of depots, including infrastructure arrangements associated with the transition to zero emission fleets.

INDUSTRY ADVICE

We provide ongoing advice to transport operators and industry bodies on the regulatory and contractual issues that arise throughout the lifecycle of their operations. This experience enables us to provide commercially focused advice informed by an understanding of both the regulatory environment and the practical realities of operating transport businesses.