Your international merger firm of choice in Australia

An Australian team with global experience

We have longstanding experience advising on **significant** global transactions with complex competition issues.

We speak your language. Many members of our team have practised in overseas jurisdictions as competition lawyers, managing global competition filings.

Our team **understands** what is important in securing an international merger including:

- The challenges you face in **coordinating** advice from many jurisdictions, often with short timeframes.
- We can provide you with simple, clear and timely responses that are easily understood by global clients.
- Communicating matters to you in a way that helps you appropriately counsel your client.
- Appreciating that timing can be critical to you and your client and we will meet the pace that you set.

Excellent relationship with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)

We understand the key regulator and can provide you with the localised knowledge you need to navigate the path to securing clearance in Australia.

We maintain close links with the ACCC and its senior staff. Our partners are engaged closely with the peak legal body (the Law Council of Australia) with whom the ACCC consults closely on changes to laws, practice and guidelines.



Our global deals

Our Band 1 (Chambers Asia Pacific - Competition/Antitrust) competition team is at the forefront of M&A clearances in Australia.

We regularly act on the largest and most complex clearances for domestic and global transactions across all industry sectors, including agribusiness, banks and financial institutions, broadcasting, ecommerce, energy, entertainment, food and beverage, funds, hospitals and healthcare, insurance, manufacturing, media, mining and natural resources, music, pharmaceuticals, private equity, retail, technology, telecoms and transport.

The below matters are a sample of international merger deals our team have advised on.

- > Amadeus / Navitaire
- > Amcor / Alcon
- > Amcor / Aperio Group
- > Amcor / Detmold Flexibles
- > Bayer animal health / Elanco
- > Baxter / Gambro
- > BHP Billiton / Rio Tinto (aborted)
- > BHP Billiton / Rio Tinto / WAIO JV
- > Brambles / Pallecon
- > Bristol-Myers Squibb / Celgene
- > Cargill / AWB
- > Covestro / Royal DSM R&FM business
- > CPPIB / bcIMC / Glencore Agriculture
- > Dow / DuPont
- > JCDecaux / APNO
- > Johnson & Johnson / Synthes
- > KKR & Co / Arnott's
- > Konecranes / Cargotec
- > Merck & Co / Schering-Plough Corporation
- > Mondelez / Cadbury
- > Nestle / Pfizer infant nutrition
- > Oracle / Sun Microsystems

- > Oracle / PeopleSoft
- > Oracle / Siebel
- > Pfizer / Mylan
- > Pfizer / Upjohn
- > Pfizer / GSK / JV
- > Pfizer / Mylan
- > PepsiCo / Suntory Holdings
- > Rio Tinto / Alcan
- > Salesforce / Slack
- > Sanofi / Merck & Co / animal health JV
- > Shell / BG Group
- > Takeda / Shire
- > Thermo Fisher Scientific / Qiagen
- > Thoma Bravo / Symantec
- > Thoma Bravo / Imperva Inc
- > Thoma Bravo / Connectwise
- > Thoma Bravo / Nintex
- > Triton / ADIA / IFCO
- > Veolia / Suez
- > Western Digital / Hitachi

Our team

We have a **deep talent pool** and the bench strength to service your deal efficiently and effectively. With over 40 lawyers nationally, we are one of the largest competition teams in Australia. This depth means that we can work on various aspects of mergers in parallel and ensure deadlines are met.



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