



## Tristan Cockman

Special Counsel

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### Professional Summary

Tristan has over 16 years of experience in energy, infrastructure, construction, and property law, working across top-tier law firms and in-house roles within ASX and internationally listed companies. His experience includes M&A, project financing, land tenure, planning approvals and regulatory compliance for renewable energy and large-scale infrastructure developments.

He advises on multi-gigawatt wind, solar, BESS, green hydrogen and other infrastructure projects, preparing and negotiating transactions including Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs), JDAs, loans and securities, asset and share sales and purchases, licences to access land, options, leases, easements, PPAs and connection agreements. He also conducts due diligence, advises on environmental approval processes, appeals planning conditions and defends planning prosecutions.

A skilled negotiator and contract drafter, Tristan is known for precision, clarity, and commercial awareness. His ability to navigate complex legal, regulatory and financial landscapes has made him a trusted advisor to developers, energy companies and infrastructure owners.

### Area of Specialisation

Contract Negotiation | Regulatory Compliance | Project Finance | M&A | Renewable Energy Law | Commercial Litigation | Property

### Key Achievements

- Restructured a 400MW renewable project to deliver significant cost savings and efficiency gains and ensure bankability.
- Led due diligence on a 5-10GW renewable project, covering 10,000+ sq km of land.
- Negotiated 100+ corporate contracts, including M&A, shareholder agreements, and financing deals.
- Pioneered legal frameworks for solar infrastructure in commercial leases, setting industry benchmarks.

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### **Kreisson Lawyers | Special Counsel | 2024 – Present**

- Leading commercial claims in breach of contract, misrepresentation and misleading and deceptive conduct for renewable energy projects.
- Drafting and negotiating construction contracts and settlement deeds for development projects.
- Advising developers on land acquisitions, due diligence and regulatory approvals.

### **Samsung C&T | Senior Legal Counsel | 2023 – 2024**

- Identified and mitigated legal risks in a 400MW solar and BESS project, leading to a restructure and \$10M+ lifecycle savings.
- Led due diligence for a 5–10GW wind, solar and hydrogen development across 10,000+ sq km.
- Negotiated MOUs and JDAs for renewable energy projects with investment funds, co-developers and governments.

### **Fortescue Future Industries | Senior Legal Counsel | 2021 – 2023**

- Negotiated land contracts covering 10,500+ sq km for renewable energy projects.
- Secured land tenure under mining legislation for decarbonisation projects.
- Analysed legislative reforms impacting non-mining renewable projects.

### **Justice Legal | Senior Lawyer | 2017 – 2021**

- Drafted and negotiated 100+ commercial leases integrating solar, BESS and electric vehicle charging networks.
- Led legislative reform submissions on solar energy in strata developments, shaping industry best practices.
- Defended planning prosecutions, saving clients \$400K+ in infrastructure costs.

### **Jackson McDonald | Lawyer | 2008 – 2015**

- Drafted and negotiated land transactions for shopping centres, greenfield and brownfield sites (values: \$30M–\$300M+).
- Advised major energy retailers on renewable energy PPAs, connection agreements and retail energy contracts.
- Drafted and negotiated loan, security and other finance documents with \$100M+ advances. Led the transition to the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009*.