

# HopgoodGanim Lawyers ends the year strong with two promotions

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HopgoodGanim Lawyers is excited to announce two promotions, effective 1 January 2021, within our leading Resources and Energy practice.

Congratulations to [Sarah O'Brien-Smith](#) on her promotion to Partner and to Liz Wreck on her promotion to Senior Associate. Both Sarah and Liz are based in our Perth office.

Managing Partner, Bruce Humphrys congratulates the team on achieving these important career milestones.

"These two promotions strengthen HopgoodGanim's offering in our national resources and energy practice and are due recognition for the commitment and resilience Sarah and Liz have shown throughout these extraordinary times."

"These promotions not only build upon our already robust presence in the market but will ensure we continue to diversify our partnership and business."

## [Sarah O'Brien-Smith](#)

Sarah is the epitome of a mining lawyer, with exceptional generalist legal capability and deep sector knowledge. Her involvement across the project lifecycle gives her an important insight into the resources and energy market, which aids in providing first class advice to clients. Her experience includes sale and purchase of exploration and mining projects and resources companies, royalty agreements, farm-in agreements, joint ventures and access and compensation agreements.

She has a strong back end capability, having a wealth of experience in litigious aspects of mining and infrastructure such as forfeiture and objection proceedings in the WA Warden's Court and judicial review applications before the WA Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. Sarah's experience extends to involvement in international arbitrations relating to mining and infrastructure projects.

Sarah is active in furthering the legal profession and has recently been Deputy Chair of National Young Lawyers Committee for the Law Council of Australia and Convenor of the Young Lawyers Committee of the Law Society of Western Australia. She was also a member of the AMPLA Emerging Leaders Committee and Council of the Law Society of Western Australia, and sat on the University of Western Australia Law School Advisory Board and the board of the Subiaco Justice Centre Inc.

## **Liz Wreck**

Liz is experienced in all areas of Resources and Energy law, and provides support in a range of transactions, advice and dispute resolution. Liz started her career working in-house for a mining services contractor before joining Hunt & Humphry in 2016 and then the firm when Hunt & Humphry and HopgoodGanim merged in 2017.

Liz is a member of the AMPLA Emerging Leaders Committee and was admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court of Western Australia in 2015.

These promotions further strengthen HopgoodGanim's presence as a leading advisor to private and publicly listed resources and energy companies, infrastructure developers and government bodies within Australia and internationally.

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