

HopgoodGanim Lawyers appoints partner James Plumb to resources and energy practice

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HopgoodGanim Lawyers has appointed one of Australia's pre-eminent mining and petroleum lawyers, James Plumb, to its award-winning resources and energy practice. James will join as a partner of the firm and will work closely with practice lead Dr Jonathan Fulcher and Partner Damian Roe as a senior leader supporting clients nationally. His appointment is effective 1 July 2023.

"HopgoodGanim is delighted James has joined our national resources and energy practice, bringing our number of partners firmwide to 42 as we deepen our expertise across key sectors and industries," said Managing Partner elect [Luke Mountford](#).

"James has a strong reputation in the oil and gas sector that complements our existing strengths delivering exceptional outcomes for clients across major projects, including in fossil fuels, renewables, hard rock mining and critical minerals."

James is a lateral hire from Carter Newell Lawyers with over two decades' experience advising on the sale and acquisition of mining and petroleum projects, project developments and the impact of various state-based petroleum and mining regulatory regimes. James also advises on a range of commercial transactions specific to the sector, including commodity sale and transportation arrangements, operating and joint venture negotiations, land access and compensation requirements, royalty arrangements and overlapping tenure negotiations.

James is a past Chair of the Queensland Law Society's Energy & Resources Law Committee, a Queensland committee member of the Energy and Resources Law Association, and a past President of the Queensland Petroleum Exploration Association (QUPEX Inc.). He has been ranked by Best Lawyers® as a leader in Australia across energy law, natural resources law, oil and gas law and mining law since 2017 and was Best Lawyers® Brisbane Lawyer of the Year for energy law in 2023. He has also been recognised by Doyle's Guide as a Leading Queensland Energy & Resources Lawyer consistently since 2017.

HopgoodGanim's [national resources and energy practice](#) has a proven track record of supporting private and publicly listed resources companies, government bodies and small explorers and producers within Australia and internationally across mining, mining services, oil and gas, energy and utilities, renewables, and the transport and infrastructure industries.

HopgoodGanim has been ranked by Doyle's Guide as a Leading Energy and Resources Law Firm in Queensland and Western Australia multiple times in recent years. The firm participates in and contributes to several resources industry associations, including the Queensland Resources Council, the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA), the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC) and the Energy & Resources Law Association (formerly AMPLA Ltd).

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