## HopgoodGanim Lawyers welcomes new Head of Pro Bono and 25 new starters in 2022

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HopgoodGanim Lawyers is pleased to welcome <u>Leanne Collingburn</u> as the firm's new Head of Pro Bono.

Leanne has considerable experience in the pro bono sector and has been working exclusively on pro bono matters since 2014 after transitioning from her commercial practice. Leanne is also a Director of the Australian Pro Bono Centre.

Leanne's appointment represents a significant investment in pro bono for HopgoodGanim Lawyers and a transformational change to the way the firm will approach pro bono going forward, which will include a focus on working with First Nations people, assisting victims and survivors of family and domestic violence and tackling environmental legal issues, particularly environmental disasters.

"Pro bono legal services are such a valuable investment and community contribution. I am so pleased HopgoodGanim Lawyers has decided to take the next step forward with pro bono and so excited to join the firm as their first dedicated Head of Pro Bono," Leanne Collingburn said.

"We have a big few months ahead setting the framework for the impact and outcomes we want to achieve through our pro bono work, but as a full sector national commercial law firm, and with full firm support, HopgoodGanim Lawyers are definitely ready to deliver an authentic and impactful pro bono program."

Leanne's appointment is just one of many new appointments at the firm with 25 new employees joining since the start of the calendar year including six new additions to the firm's legal operations and secretarial support teams, six new solicitors and 13 new graduates.

"2022 will be a very interesting and positive year for HopgoodGanim Lawyers," said <u>Bruce Humphrys</u>, Managing Partner.

"This investment in our pro bono program via Leanne's arrival at the firm is just one of many strategically important projects we have planned for this year and will further strengthen the work the firm has been delivering to support our community."

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