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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Climate litigation
Planning and environment
Resources and mining
Public/administrative
Papua New Guinea

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws, UQ, 1998
Bachelor of Science, UQ, 1998
Master of Resources & Environmental Law, QUT, 2001
PhD, QUT, 2008

CAREER HISTORY

Dr Chris McGrath was admitted to practice in 2000. He practices principally in climate litigation, planning and environmental law, resources and mining law in Queensland and logging and resources law in Papua New Guinea. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the UQ School of Earth & Environmental Sciences.

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SIGNIFICANT CASES

[*Oakey Coal Action Alliance Inc v New Acland Coal Pty Ltd \[2021\] HCA 2; \(2021\) 386 ALR 212.*](#)

Description

Junior counsel (with Oliver Holland) to Jeremy Kirk SC in successful appeal regarding the consequences of a finding of apprehended bias of an inferior court concerning assessment of a coal mine under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld).

Link to case: [New Acland Coal Mine Case](#)

[*Adani Mining Pty Ltd v Land Services of Coast and Country Inc & Ors \[2015\] QLC 48*](#)

Description

Junior counsel to Saul Holt QC in objections hearing in the Land Court of Queensland against the proposed Carmichael (Adani) Coal Mine involving disputes over groundwater, threatened species and climate change.

Link to case: [Adani Mine Case](#)

[*Humane Society International Inc v Kyodo Senpaku Kaisha Ltd \[2006\] FCAFC 116; \(2006\) 154 FCR 425; \(2006\) 232 ALR 478*](#)

Description

Junior counsel to Stephen Gageler SC in proceedings seeking declaratory and injunctive relief against Japanese whaling in the Australian Whale Sanctuary contrary to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).

Link to case: [Japanese Whaling Case](#)

[*Minister for the Environment and Heritage v Queensland Conservation Council Inc \[2004\] FCAFC 190; \(2004\) 139 FCR 24; \(2004\) 134 LGERA 272*](#)

Description

Junior counsel to Stephen Keim SC in successful judicial review proceedings challenging assessment of the impacts of the proposed Nathan Dam in Queensland under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).

Link to case: [Nathan Dam Case](#)

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