Representative Legal Matters
Paul Curnow

Energy projects and regulatory

- RATCH-Australia as lead counsel on its acquisition of a 70% stake in the greenfields 215MW Yandin Wind Farm (Western Australia) from Alinta Energy.
- Global Power Generation (the international energy subsidiary of Naturgy (Spain)) on the construction and refinancing of the 91MW Crookwell II Wind Farm (NSW) its Australian wind farm portfolio across NSW and Victoria.
- Genex Power Limited with all matters relating to the development, construction and financing of the Kidston pumped hydro generation facility with a total maximum installed capacity of 250MW(AC) to be located in north-west Queensland.
- Global Power Generation on project development, construction and refinancing of the stage 1 of the 180MW Berrybank Wind Farm (Victoria), one of the successful projects with a PPA with the Victorian Government under its VRET program.
- WePower on development of its renewable energy procurement and trading platform, including preparation of its template Corporate PPA documentation.
- ARENA with respect to its grant funding of an Alinta Energy-owned solar-gas hybrid project that will power an off-grid mine site operated by Fortescue Metals Group in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.
- Mars in respect of its corporate PPA with Total Eren for the Kiamal Solar Project (Victoria).
- ALDI in respect of its corporate PPA
- Siemens Financial Services with the stage structuring of the 1200NW staged Forest Wind Project in Queensland, as part of its due diligence and equity investment into that project.
- Represented the syndicate of incoming lenders on the successful refinancing of the approx. $500 million debt facility in relating to Malakoff Corporation Berhad’s 50 percent interest in the Macarthur Wind Farm.
- Advising the project banks (as well as the agent and hedge banks) on the project financing of the Bulgana Green Power Hub, an integrated wind farm and battery storage facility and Neoen’s largest single-stage project in Australia.
- Neoen Australia on its market entry into the Australian market in 2012 and subsequently on:
  - the acquisition of Hornsdale Wind Farm from Investec. Hornsdale Wind Farm, located in South Australia, will consist of approximately 100 wind turbines
  - debt financing in three stages for the 100MW Hornsdale Wind Farm project near Jamestown in South Australia – the first project to be debt financed on a shared asset structure
o the project and debt financing for the development of the Parkes (55 MW), Griffith (30 MW) and Dubbo (25 MW) solar projects in New South Wales, Australia

o the acquisition and debt financing of the DeGrussa Solar Farm - a 10.6 MW solar PV project that will be integrated into the existing diesel generator facility to power the DeGrussa Copper Mine in remote Western Australia.

- Genex Power as sponsor on the development, construction and financing of the 50MW Kidston Solar Project located in far north Queensland near the town of Kidston.

- Canadian Solar on the development and financing of the 15 MW Longreach Solar Farm and 80 MW Oakey Solar Farm, both in Queensland, both projects under ARENA's large scale solar program, and the first to utilise parent-child meter shared asset arrangements.

- Foresight Group in facilitating the acquisition of Barcaldine Remote Community Solar Farm Pty Ltd, which owns the 25MW Barcaldine Remote Community Solar Farm in Queensland, Australia, from Elecnor S.A. and Elecnor Australia Pty Ltd.

- Malakoff Corporation Berhad, a Malaysian power producer, on its acquisition and financing of a 50% interest in the $1.2 billion Macarthur Wind Farm in Victoria from Meridian Energy. Subsequently advised Malakoff Corporation Berhad, on AGL’s $532 million sale of 50% interest in the Macarthur Wind Farm to private equity firm, HRL Morrison & Co. The Macarthur Wind Farm is located in south-west Victoria, Australia and is the largest wind farm in the southern hemisphere.

- The Electricity Generating Public Company Limited (EGCO group (Thailand)), on their acquisition of 100% of the shares in Boco Rock Wind Farm Pty Ltd from Asia Pacific Renewables Pty Ltd and GE, including the financing and construction of the wind farm.

- SunEdison on the securitisation structuring and financing of their Australian solar rooftop PV business.

- Eurus Energy on its acquisition and financing of the 52MW Hallett 5 Wind Farm, which was acquired from AGL Energy. The deal included the negotiation of long-term asset management and off-take contracts under which AGL will continue to operate and manage the wind farm and take the benefit of the electricity and green rights output.

- Fotowatio Renewable Ventures on their consortium bid with BP Solar for the development of a large-scale solar PV power plant under the Australian Government's Solar Flagship program.

- Ratchaburi on its acquisition of a portfolio of operating wind farms and wind farm development sites across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

- Zhenfa Solar on its development and investment in the 13MW Mugga Lane Solar Farm under the ACT Reverse Auction.

- Embark, a privately funded, non-profit organisation, on a community solar project based in Darling Harbour, Sydney. Baker McKenzie drafted a term sheet and advised Embark on its contractual negotiations with Capella Capital and Lend Lease.

- Australia Solar Thermal Energy Industry Association on its establishment and ongoing operation.
• Korea Electricity Power Corporation (KEPCO) and Samsung C&T on their bid (with Ergon Energy) for the development of a smart grid demonstration project under the Smart Grid Smart City programme.

• Biogen Limited on its fundraising activities and the development and financing of proposed biomass electricity generators.

• NSW Treasury on its privatisation of New South Wales electricity retail businesses and certain generation trading rights.

Energy efficiency

• Clean Energy Finance Corporation on the amendment of its AUD 30 million Subordinated Secured Facility Agreement with Eureka Funds Management to fund environmental upgrade loans.

• Australian Carbon Trust (now CEFC) on the financing and legal barriers to energy efficiency in commercial buildings.

• Low Carbon Australia on the drafting of the template EUA for the City of Melbourne and for New South Wales, including providing advice on alignment with applicable legislation and the potential legal risks associated with the EUA structure and EUA terms.

• Standard Bank Plc on execution of documents with Cool NRG International Pty Ltd (Cool) and Cool NRG Carbon Investments Pty Ltd giving Standard Bank the right to purchase Certified Emissions Reductions (CERs) generated by the Luz Verde compact fluorescent light CDM project in Mexico;

Climate change and environmental markets

• Advising the Australian Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency on various emissions trading legal and design issues in relation to the draft Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, the Carbon Price Mechanism (CPM) and Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) legislation and the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme (NGERS) legislation.

• Energy Supply Association of Australia (ESSA) on hedging and other forward contracting issues associated with the potential repeal of the CPM.

• Advising corporate and not-for-profit clients on forestry sequestration transactions, including advising corporate clients and carbon funds in the emerging area of avoided deforestation.

• Over 20 years’ experience in drafting market standard and template emissions trading contracts and documentation under the Kyoto Protocol, the CPM and voluntary carbon markets.

• Completing the global CCS law and policy foundation report for the Global CCS Institute. This involved reviewing and analysing developments in public international law and across major economies including the European Union, the United States, Canada, South Korea, Russia, Japan, China, Norway, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates and Australia.