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Introduction

The **BISITS FALLINS CROWLEY consortium** has been established to provide advice, consultancy, legal services and facilitation in the following core areas:

- Power, rail, coal and other areas of infrastructure,
- Business law, and
- Legal education and ethics.

The consortium comprises Adam Bisits, John Fallins and Michael Crowley, solicitors and barristers with complementary skills, in the corporate, commercial and regulatory aspects of infrastructure and advocacy in courts and tribunals.

Our aim is to cover not only major issues on establishment or in regulation of utilities and mining but also, cost-effectively, the routine litigation involved. The consortium has been established for work in Australia, and also for overseas where our knowledge or experience of Australian law, Australian essential facilities, power and mining regulation, or knowledge of EU regulation of competition or state aid, or knowledge of China may be applied.

All legal practitioners are also admitted to practice in any Australian Federal Court and retain the right to practise elsewhere under mutual recognition arrangements.

The consortium's website: www.bfcconsortium.com

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Adam Bisits

Adam Bisits is a solicitor, formerly a partner of and consultant to Blake Dawson Waldron and currently Chairman of the Advocacy Panel of the National Electricity Code Administrator (a board position). Adam has extensive commercial and regulatory experience, in particular in relation to the rail and power industry since 1992. He was first admitted to practise in 1975 in New South Wales and later in other States including Victoria where he is presently based.

Adam was the managing partner of the Canberra office of Blake Dawson Waldron in 1990-1992. Clients for which he has acted include Energy Australia, Australian government Department of Finance and Administration, Western Australia Government Treasury, Advance Energy (now Country Energy), Crown Limited, Specialized Container Transport, Freight Australia, the Hungarian government and BHP Billiton. He has presented papers to national and international industry conferences on national electricity regulation, major railway contracts and resource assessment and security legislation. He has also acted in Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Bulgaria

Adam holds degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, and Master of Laws from the University of Sydney.

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John Fallins

John Fallins is the principal of John Fallins Solicitors, a firm established in 1992, formerly a partner of Patterson Houen and Commins from 1981. John was admitted to practice in 1975 and has extensive experience in private client and business law along with civil and some criminal litigation experience. John's family has had a long association with the coal mining industry in New South Wales. The firm is boutique with the focus on expanding its international practice of law.

John Fallins Solicitors is located in the Sydney CBD and serves as the Australian business office for the consortium.

John holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws from the University of Sydney.

Julie Ivery is a senior associate with John Fallins Solicitors. Julie has private client and business law experience including that acquired with firms including those now known as Dibbs Barker Gosling and Freehills. Julie holds the degrees of Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney and Master of Arts from Macquarie University.

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Michael Crowley

Michael Crowley is a barrister admitted to private practice in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory since 1991. He was a solicitor in general practice prior to going to the Bar where he is a specialist criminal advocate with experience in a variety of courts and tribunals. He also has civil litigation experience. Michael has been a lecturer and revising examiner for the Law Extension Committee within the University of Sydney and the Legal Practitioners Admission Board of New South Wales. Michael has also taught various business law courses at Technical and Further Education Colleges in Sydney. Prior to practising law Michael was a science and agricultural science teacher for the New South Wales Department of Education and Training.

Michael has just completed 12 months as a visiting lecturer in Law and Business at Chongqing Technology and Business University in the People's Republic of China. He was accompanied in this posting by **Julianne Crowley** who lectured in Science and English. Dr Crowley holds educational and environmental science qualifications.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, Diploma of Education and Master of Education degree from the University of Sydney, the degree of Bachelor of Legal Studies from Macquarie University and this year expects to complete the degree of Master of International Law from the University of Sydney.

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