



Lisa Ward

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OVERVIEW

Lisa Ward is a special counsel in the firm's Real Estate practice. She focuses on property and contract law within the agribusiness sector. With more than 15 years of experience within the legal industry, she has had the benefit of practicing in multiple jurisdictions across Australia and continues to act on transactions across each Australian state and territory.

Lisa advises a number of clients on agribusiness transactions including foreign investors and funds, developers, privately owned companies, trusts and family farmers. Her legal experience extends to all front end facets of property law, including the purchase, sale and lease arrangements of agricultural land, personal property and water rights.

Other significant areas of Lisa's practice include:

- Advising on water transactions;
- Advising on the foreign investment regime in Australia;
- Preparing easements and covenants relevant to clients' ongoing business operations; and
- Drafting and reviewing commercial agreements including leases, agistment agreements, conduct and compensation agreements, supply and offtake agreements, farm sharing agreements, bore sharing arrangements and service kill agreements.

Lisa has intimate knowledge and understanding of the agriculture sector across a range of commodities including cotton, dairy, horticulture, broad acre cropping, beef and wool.

Lisa has been listed as a 'One To Watch' by *Best Lawyers* for 2024 for Agriculture and Rural Affairs and has been recognized in *Doyle's Guide* as 'Recommended Lawyer' for Agribusiness.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Lisa has more than 10 years' experience within the property industry. She has worked as a lawyer in various Australian jurisdictions, including New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory and Queensland. Lisa has

also had transactional experience across multiple jurisdictions, including Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Australia*™ for Agriculture and Rural Affairs, 2024-2025
- Listed by *Doyle's Guide* as recommended lawyer for Agribusiness - Queensland, 2023

EDUCATION

- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law, Australia, 2011
- LL.B., Southern Cross University, 2011
- Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies, Southern Cross University, 2005

ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions
- Real Estate Joint Ventures

INDUSTRIES

- Agribusiness
- Consumer Products

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting on the acquisition of various permanent row crop properties (including avocados, mangos and citrus) for domestic clients.
- Representing overseas interests in respect of legal due diligence and contract negotiation processes in relation to beef processing enterprises.
- Acting for pension funds in connection with their acquisitions of multiple dairy and horticultural properties in Tasmania.

- Representing overseas investors on the acquisition of a vineyard property in Victoria and a blueberry property in Tasmania.
- Representing a Canadian pension fund backed purchaser on the acquisition of multiple large grazing properties in Queensland, New South Wales and the Northern Territory.
- Representing US pension funds in connection with the purchase of farmland in Victoria and New South Wales for Almond plantations including all work in connection with irrigation matters.
- Representing a pension fund back purchaser on the acquisition of a cattle grazing property in New South Wales.
- Acting for a UK based family office on their first acquisition of agricultural farmland in Queensland.