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Tim Breakspear has a commercial practice with a speciality in major infrastructure, mining, gas and construction projects. In that field he has significant expertise in disputes involving delay and disruption. He also acts in general commercial matters, with experience in disputes involving issues of contract law, misrepresentation, restitution, estoppel and negligence.

He conducts hearings in Australian commercial courts and tribunals, and in international arbitrations. He appears regularly before Tribunals seated in Singapore and has experience running cases against both Australian and English silk. He is experienced in the conduct of cross-examination of technical, engineering, programming and quantum experts. He also appears in alternative dispute resolution forums such as mediations, expert determinations and before dispute resolution panels.

He has heard proceedings as a Referee appointed by the Supreme Court of New South Wales. He is a Fellow of ACICA, an approved arbitrator by the NSW Bar Association, and a member of the NSW Supreme Court's Users Group for the Commercial and Technology & Construction Lists.

Rankings

Tim was awarded the ***Australian Financial Review's Best Lawyers in Australia*** "Lawyer of the Year" in 2023 and 2020 for construction and infrastructure matters in Sydney.



Who's Who Legal – Arbitration Future Leaders 2020

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide 2022 - Band 1 in Construction & Infrastructure; Spotlight Table, International Arbitration in the Asia Pacific Region - *"Head and shoulders above the rest"* and *"very highly regarded for international arbitration in Australia."*

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide 2021 - Band 1 in Construction & Infrastructure; Spotlight Table, International Arbitration in the Asia Pacific Region - *"Our go-to, experienced junior counsel,"* and a *"very capable barrister who's great with clients and really does get the key issues."* Also described as being *"clearly a leader in the field,"* while another practitioner noted *"he has plainly had a lot of international arbitration experience and is certainly making a mark."*

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide 2020 - Band 1 in Construction & Infrastructure - *"He has a stunning intellect, he's able to quickly grasp the details of the matter and also apply the law, and he can achieve things in an hour that would take other people three hours to do. One of the things I particularly appreciate about him is that he thrives under pressure, so when everything's going pear-shaped he really shines; some people get worse at that point but he gets better."*

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide 2019 - Band 1 in Construction & Infrastructure - *"an outstanding junior who is widely lauded for his exceptional performance on construction and infrastructure cases." "His work is excellent, he's really responsive and his written work is really exceptional. That's what sets him apart; he's really good on his feet but his written work is superlative."*

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide 2018 - Band 1 in Construction & Infrastructure - *"continues to attract glowing praise from market sources, one of whom comments: 'He is the best junior barrister in construction. He is an intelligent lawyer, is excellent on his feet, and has a great rapport with the Bench.'"*

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide 2017 - Band 1 in Construction & Infrastructure: *"an 'outstanding' construction specialist ... 'Tim's strategic input into a matter is without doubt the most valuable advice a client can get' ... 'His drafting and advocacy are outstanding.'"*

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide 2016 - Band 1 in Construction and Infrastructure, with clients describing him as *"a class act"* and *"incredibly efficient."*

Doyle's Guide 2017 - 2020 (Australia wide) - "preeminent" arbitration junior counsel.

Doyle's Guide 2015 - 2021 (Australia wide) - "preeminent" junior counsel in construction and infrastructure.

Doyle's Guide 2015 - 2021 (New South Wales) - "preeminent" junior counsel in construction and



infrastructure.

Doyle's Guide 2018 and 2020 (New South Wales) - "recommended" junior counsel in commercial litigation and dispute resolution.

Doyle's Guide 2014 (New South Wales) - "Market leader" in construction law: *"Breakspear has emerged as the 'clear standout' and an 'absolute star' and 'sat comfortably as the states most favoured Junior Counsel'"*