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**Brief CV/professional background:**

Lee is a partner in Ashurst's global resources and infrastructure group. Lee is head of Ashurst's global rail practice and leads the Asia Pacific transport team. Lee specialises in transport and infrastructure projects. Lee has been based in Sydney for the last three and a half years and before that was in Ashurst's London office for 15 years.

Lee is recognised as a leading individual in Construction/Infrastructure by Best Lawyers Australia, 2015.

**Personal expertise in rail or finance:**

Lee has considerable expertise in all aspects of the rail industry, including in respect of infrastructure provision, franchising and rolling stock procurement. Lee has advised on more than 15 rail PPPs and 10 rail franchises in Australia, the U.K., Europe and the Middle East.

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