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## **CARTER NEWELL ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNER AND NEW SPECIAL COUNSEL**

### ***Experienced resources lawyer joins partnership***

Carter Newell Lawyers welcomes to the partnership James Plumb a specialist lawyer in the field of Resources law. James has considerable experience advising and acting for clients in the sale and acquisition of mining and petroleum projects, the impact of various state-based petroleum and mining regulatory regimes, project development, the negotiation of infrastructure and transportation arrangements, operating and joint venture negotiations, land access and compensation requirements, royalty arrangements, overlapping tenure negotiations, reporting requirements, environmental and safety issues.

James assists clients with Queensland pipeline projects, including drafting and advising on joint venture and commercial interests, managing land access issues, liaising with Queensland Mines and Energy and the EPA to manage licencing processes, as well advising on further tenure and environmental issues.

James is a Queensland committee member of AMPLA Ltd, the Australian Resources and Energy Law Association, regularly presents at industry conferences, and has been published in academic journals on topics relating to his area of expertise.

In October 2008, James participated in the Australian Gas Industry Trust's Overseas Study Tour to Europe.

### ***Specialist litigator appointed Special Counsel in LDR practice***

Nola Pearce has been appointed to the position of Special Counsel in Carter Newell's Litigation and Dispute Resolution group. Operating at partner level in terms of legal expertise, Carter Newell's Special Counsel are highly regarded specialists who focus on the provision of high quality legal services and mentoring junior lawyers.

Nola meets and exceeds these criteria having advised on a wide range of commercial and professional liability disputes, including claims against an assortment of professionals and their insurers, in particular barristers, valuers, directors and officers, financial planners, private certifiers, and commercial real estate agents.

Her experience also includes acting for insureds and insurers in disputes arising under professional indemnity and directors' and officers' policies in relation to the availability of cover for defence costs. She has handled litigation in both the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal on this issue in particular scenarios, such as where indemnity for the principal claim is denied but coverage for costs is sought by the insured, or where the insured's costs of quasi-judicial proceedings fall outside the usual policy terms.

Nola is a current member of the Queensland Law Society Litigation Rules Committee.

Carter Newell CEO Dr Peter Ellender said the senior promotions reflect the strong growth and successful planning across the firm's key practice areas.

"The board and partnership congratulate James and Nola on their elevations which strengthen the firm's capacity to continue to provide quality legal advice to our clients enabling them to achieve their business goals."

Carter Newell is a leading Queensland law firm providing specialist advice to Australian and international corporate clients in the areas of insurance, construction & engineering, resources, corporate law, commercial property, aviation and litigation & dispute resolution.



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