

Cameron Steele

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Overview

Cameron leads the taxation group in Sydney. He supports his clients with thorough and clear advice and guidance on taxation strategies. With immense experience in taxation law, Cameron's diligent approach helps his clients through complex and ever-changing issues in goods and services tax (GST), stamp duty, land tax, payroll tax and the taxation of property-related transactions.

Cameron has a particular concentration on GST and on the stamp duty implications of business and property transactions across all Australian jurisdictions. His experience includes investment structures for major commercial and residential property developments; GST and taxation issues for mortgagees and insolvency practitioners; and structuring for retirement village and aged care facilities. He also advises clients with respect to tax audits and controversy.

He applies his knowledge of taxation for Dentons' corporate, property and banking sector clients. Cameron also advises charitable and nonprofit organizations on their compliance obligations.

Additionally, Cameron has experience in preparing and advising on general commercial agreements and other arrangements; advising and negotiating on the establishment of project and corporate structures; and drafting venture documentation including shareholders, unit holders and joint venture agreements, company constitutions and trust deeds.

Experience

- **DirectMoney:** Advising in relation to the Australian stamp duty and the establishment of several securitization structures, including structures involving the issuance of debt securities and structures involving the issuance of equity securities.
- **DirectMoney:** Providing Australian stamp duty opinion and advising on structure in relation to the establishment of a loan warehouse.
- **AMP Tax:** Advising generally on GST technical issues and compliance.
- **Stockland:** Advising in relation to the Australian stamp duty and structure in relation to the establishment of

various retirement village acquisitions, including the acquisition of a portfolio of six retirement villages.

- **Kennards Self Storage and Valad Funds Management:** Advising in relation to GST and stamp duty and the acquisition of a joint venture interest involving a portfolio of 24 freehold titles and seven managed sites in various Australian states. Also advising on the subsequent termination of that joint venture.
- **St Ives:** Advising on GST and transaction structure in relation to the sale of aged care facilities.
- **Centuria Capital:** Advising in relation to the restructure of trust assets, including trust law, stamp duty and GST issues.

Insights

- "Not-for-Profits – to merge or not to merge?," Dentons Client Alert, June 5, 2018
- "Dentons reflects on the Australian Federal Budget 2017", Dentons Guide, Report and Whitepaper, May 23, 2017
- "Mind the Gap - GST and new residential properties," November 10, 2017
- "Government turns GST on its head for new property sales," Dentons client alert, May 12, 2017
- "Surcharge tax hits discretionary trusts," Dentons Client Alert, December 23, 2016
- "Energy Update: Will the SA blackouts light the way for a bipartisan approach to energy policy?" Dentons Client Alert, October 19, 2016
- "Emissions Reduction Fund Safeguard Mechanism: setting baseline emissions levels," Dentons Client Alert, August 23, 2016
- "Stamp duty on sales of retirement villages," Dentons Client Alert, August 8, 2016
- "What you need to know about the NSW stamp duty surcharge," Dentons Client Alert, June 15, 2016
- "Mortgagees affected by the new CGT withholding rules," Dentons Client Alert, May 20, 2016
- "Mind the Gap - GST and new residential properties," November 10, 2017
- "Government turns GST on its head for new property sales," Dentons client alert, May 12, 2017

Activities and Affiliations

- Law Society of New South Wales
- Fellow of the Taxation Institute of Australia
- Member of the legal committee for the Urban Development Institute of Australia (NSW)
- Member of the taxes and charges committee for the Urban Development Institute of Australia

Areas of focus

Practices

- Corporate
- Tax

- Real Estate
- Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy

Industry sectors

- Aged Care and Senior Living Communities (Australia)

Issues and opportunities

- Global tax guide to doing business in...

Education

- Bachelor of Laws
- Master of Laws

Admissions and qualifications

- Queensland, 1995
- New South Wales, Australia, 2002