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Our Approach



A Holistic Approach

Our mission is to secure our client's security, wealth and success through ethical, strategic and innovative legal and commercial advice.



Speed of Response

A key focus of our legal practice is to ensure prompt attention and consideration of your legal matter.



Quality Legal Advice

As part of our mission, we aim to be considered by our clients as the best in what we do. We want our clients to see us as an integral part of their business and committed to their success.



A Wealth of Knowledge

Fox and Thomas is a founding member of an association of 16 independent Australian law firms, known as Lawaustralasia. This membership allows us direct access to cutting-edge developments in both law and legal practice.



Agribusiness Services

Fox and Thomas has an intimate understanding of rural industries and agribusiness. Our lawyers have many years of experience serving families and business operators in regional and rural Queensland and New South Wales from our offices in Goondiwindi. Our business is as tied to the land as that of our clients.

Our agribusiness lawyers have built up a niche practice, advising primary producers and related business in all aspects of property, commercial and private legal matters and have years of experience in:

Property Transactions

- We have a holistic approach to property transactions to provide advice on how to structure the transaction to achieve the best outcome from a taxation, risk and profit perspective.

Water Allocation Licensing & Resource Operations Plans

- We specialise in the sale and purchase of water in both New South Wales and Queensland to make this complex process easy for you.

Advice on Preparation of all Types of Trust & Family Re-Arrangements & Corporate Structuring

- When purchasing assets, starting a new business or investment or expanding existing ones we can work with you and your accountant to establish the best structure for taxation, duty, succession and risk purposes.

Implications on Taxation, Stamp Duty, GST & Capital Gains Tax

- The way your business is structured, or an acquisition is made, can have significant taxation and duty implications. We work through these issues with you and your other advisors to achieve the best outcome.

Estate Planning & Succession Planning

- Estate and business succession planning is considered an essential part of running a business at Fox and Thomas. We provide a wide range of advice and services to suit your situation. Please see our estate planning team for further information.

Negotiation of Family Business Issues

- We conduct and mediate roundtable discussions with all relevant parties to raise issues and concerns arising in family business. Our key focus is achieving optimum outcomes for all family members while maintaining positive family relationship.

Cultivation, Partnership, Joint-Venture & Share Farming Agreements

- We advise on, and document, various agreements to protect your rights while ensuring you maintain good working relationships with other parties.

Farming Leases

- Advice on leases with related or un-related entities can be provided and documentation can be prepared.

Estate Administration

- The death of a family member may significantly impact your business. By facilitating effective and efficient administration of the deceased estate, the impact of their death on the family business can be minimised, and the best outcome achieved for the beneficiaries. Please see our estate administration team for further information.

Business Services

Fox and Thomas provides a range of business law services that are as diverse as our client base.

From small to medium enterprises, family businesses through to significant corporations, we meet the legal needs of our business clients as they arise. Our experienced lawyers provide business law services including:

Our Expertise:

- Business Formation, Acquisitions & Sales
- Taxation & Structuring Advice
- Property Acquisitions, Sales & Leasing
- Business Succession Planning
- Director's Duties & Liabilities
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Partnerships
- Estate Planning for Business Owners
- Asset Protection





Property Services

Advising clients on the effective acquisition and sale of rural, commercial and residential property is a cornerstone of the Fox and Thomas practice. We understand that the most critical part of any transaction is the period leading up to signing the contract. It's during this period that the many years of experience and expertise of our lawyers provide our clients with exceptional value.

Our advice is derived from the collective wisdom of literally thousands of rural, commercial and residential transactions conducted throughout regional and rural Queensland and New South Wales. We know the property market and we understand the peculiarities of a complex rural property transaction that can make or break a deal.

Once the parties have come to an agreement we provide a no-fuss, efficient property transfer process with particular

attention being paid to the transfer of water rights and entitlements. We make effective use of our experienced team of property paralegals to ensure the cost of bringing your transaction to a conclusion is kept to a minimum.

We have a well-resourced, experienced and efficient residential conveyancing team. Our detailed knowledge of real estate in our area combined with a commitment to personal care and attention helps us stand out from the growing crowd of 'cut-price' operators.

- Acquisition & Sale of Commercial Properties, Rural Properties & Businesses
- Leasing for Commercial, Retail & Industrial Premises
- Residential Conveyancing
- Purchasing Entity & Revenue Advice
- Due Diligence & Acquisition Advice

Our Legal Services

Our solicitors offer exceptional legal expertise, business awareness and commercial experience combined with the knowledge and understanding of small to medium enterprises (SME).

We work with family businesses as well as having extensive specialist industry experience in primary production, intensive agriculture and livestock industries that support our local communities.



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