



Access to information and the resources sector

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Level 32 Exchange Plaza, 2 The Esplanade, Perth

Refreshments provided following the seminar.

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Places are strictly limited and attendance will be by registration only.

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The access and use of information in the resources sector has raised many legal issues and complexities. The *Freedom of Information Act* and international human rights laws specify standards and procedures for obtaining information while also protecting commercial and personal interests. Resources companies are facing increasing demands, under Australian and international standards, to provide information about their mining activities (eg. stock exchange rules, reporting of exploration results, and supply-chain issues in conflict minerals). There are also contractual and common law controls on information passed between parties, through the doctrine of 'confidential information'. The seminar will provide a practical discussion of some of the key legal issues around the access and use of information in the resources sector.

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