

# mertons *setting up business in australia?*

Mertons works with international organisations seeking to establish business operations in Australia and assists them to meet their Australian regulatory and compliance obligations.

## *a local expert when you need it*

Our role as corporate governance consultants to international organisations enables management to focus on the growth and profitability of their business, while Mertons negates the risk associated with potential non-compliance with local regulatory requirements.

## *how can we help*

### **Business Registrations**

- Advise on an appropriate Australian business structure
- Attend to registrations including company incorporation (Australian Company Number (ACN)/Australian Registered Business Number (ARBN) and those relating to the Australian Tax Office (ATO)

### **Corporate Administration**

- Provide an Australian Registered Office
- Attend to all Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) notifications, reporting & lodgement requirements
- Act as local agent for lodgement and serving of all company related notices
- Act as the resident Company Director and/or Public Officer
- Advise on financial compliance, lodgement and audit obligations, including possible exemptions
- Arrange and maintain company insurances

### **Company Secretarial**

- Prepare and lodge Annual Company Statements
- Preparation of required board resolutions
- Update and maintain company registers

### **Corporate Governance**

- Advise on and implement appropriate governance practices

### **Banking Requirements**

- Assist with the establishment of Australian banking and financing facilities
- Act as bank account signatory

## *ask a professional*

Mertons Director, Mark Licciardo is a former company secretary of ASX listed companies Transurban Group and Australian Foundation Investment Company. His expertise includes working with Boards of Directors in the areas of corporate governance, corporate administration and company secretarial practices. Mark has been an industry guest speaker and trainer at Chartered Secretaries Australia (CSA) events since 2004 and is considered a leader in the Corporate Governance sector. Mark is also the current CSA Victorian State Council Chairman and a non-executive director of various public and private companies.



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