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Tony Rutherford is a Practice Leader at Moores in the property and construction team and leads the **NDIS** practice.

Infrastructure and Development

Tony has more than 15 years' experience advising project companies, sponsors, contractors, consultants, governments and lenders in relation to large and complex infrastructure projects in the United States, Africa, Middle East, Asia and Australia. His experience spans a wide range of sectors including education, social housing, commercial and residential projects, utilities (water, power and renewable energy), oil and gas, health, and mining.

Tony advises clients in relation to the full suite of contracts required to deliver and operate infrastructure projects, including projects financed on a limited recourse basis (including public-private partnerships) and via corporate facilities. Contracts include: Concession and project deeds | O&M contracts | EPC and D&C contracts | Development deeds | Commercial and residential leases | Consultancy agreements | Finance agreements and lender direct deeds.

NDIS and Disability

Tony leads the specialist National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and disability practice at Moores.

Tony advises disability organisations, government entities and property developers in relation to compliance with the NDIS Act and related federal and state legislation. Tony also provides advice on general commercial contracts and funding agreements with government and private organisations.

In coordination with Moores' NDIS team Tony advises on the full range of issues arising from the NDIS, including:

- General commercial issues including streamlined procurement contracts, protection of intellectual property and the implementation of IT systems to manage its clients and NDIS invoices;

- Insurance and other risk management arrangements and procedures specific to the disability sector;
- Provision of Specialist Disability Accommodation and Supported Independent Living, including the requirements for registration and compliance, advice on project structuring and related tax issues; and
- The impact of the NDIS on existing asset protection and estate planning mechanisms, including Special Disability Trusts.

Tony combines this experience with his personal interest, passion and thought leadership in the area of disability and disability reform. He brings his vast corporate experience to clients in this area with insight, compassion and clear thinking.