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Qualifications

Bachelor of Engineering
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Executive Summary

Shawn Rippon is a civil engineer by training who, over 33 years, has worked in various project and commercial management roles across some of Australia's most iconic projects for a number of large infrastructure and building contractors.

Shawn's commercial and operational experience is the perfect complement to Construction Legal's team. He provides an important technical and commercial oversight to every matter that the firm takes on and is often called on by clients to provide strategic guidance and advice across infrastructure and construction projects. He has experience in the management all aspects of the project lifecycle: from the negotiation of the first contract; to operations and delivery management; and through to post delivery and asset management.

His outstanding communication skills, together with his expansive commercial knowledge within both the project and corporate environments, make him a dynamic industry leader.

Expertise

- Management of major infrastructure projects
- Civil Engineering experience going back to the early 1990s
- Commercial and strategic advice
- Design & Construct experience in Rolling stock and rail depots
- Resolution of commercial claims and disputes
- Ability to simplify complex legal and engineering issues
- Large scale building and construction

Memberships

- Member of Institute of Company Directors
- Civil Contractors Federation
- Member of Society of Construction Law.

Key Clients

Due to the demand for Shawn's highly specialised services, Shawn's clients have typically requested long term assignments or retainers, some of which are listed below:

Downer EDI: 14 years as a trusted advisor delivering various services on large transport and infrastructure projects such as: project management; commercial claims management and strategic advice; dispute resolution; and large contract negotiation

Walker Corporation: Civil engineering and building project management; commercial advice

Fraser Property Group (previously Australand): Building, civil and development management

Various Civil engineering and infrastructure contractors: Extensive range of civil engineering and building works across the eastern seaboard of Australia.

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Highlights

High Capacity Metro Train (HMCT) project – Melbourne: Shawn acted for Downer as the Commercial Director on the largest single order of trains (65) in Victoria, valued at \$2.3B. His involvement over 5 years included management of the commercial function across: rolling stock delivery; design and build of a train maintenance depot; and long term (30 years) maintenance contracts. Shawn negotiated complex commercial outcomes with State Government, financiers and international partners. He also utilised his extensive rail experience to closely manage the design and construction of buildings and rail infrastructure at the Pakenham depot.

Sydney Growth Trains - Sydney: Shawn oversaw the commercial function for Downer as part of the NSW State Government's order of 41 new series 2 Waratah trains. Shawn's contribution included providing strategic direction throughout the delivery phase and the resolution of various complex commercial and technical issues.

Waratah Train Project – Sydney: Shawn was embedded into the Downer team that managed the delivery of Australia's largest ever order of passenger trains (78) valued at \$3.6B. Shawn was also the representative for the consortium for the design and construction of a purpose built \$300 million rail facility. A significant number of commercial claims required management which resulted in dozens of time and cost claims via expert determination, arbitration and mediation.

Regional Rail Project NSW: Shawn worked in the tender team to submitted the bid for Downer. He had responsibility for pricing of the design, construction and maintenance of the Dubbo facility in NSW.

Queensland Rail Train & Facility Upgrades: Shawn was responsible for various infrastructure upgrades at Downer's Maryborough Rail facility in Northern Queensland. He also was involved in commercial aspects of the train upgrade program.

Various large infrastructure projects – NSW, VIC, QLD: Shawn led the commercial function within the Infrastructure Services division of Downer, with a turnover of \$900 million. He provided strategic and detailed commercial advice on projects such as: large scale transmission lines; wind and solar farms; water treatment plants; rail network power upgrades; and power and gas asset construction and maintenance.

Cardiff Manufacturing Workshops Newcastle: Shawn managed the implementation of upgrades of the Cardiff rail workshops for Downer and then negotiated a commercial outcome with Railcorp including revised long term leasing agreements.

Sydney Olympics: Shawn managed the delivery of many of the key infrastructure assets that made the 2000 Sydney Olympics one of the most successful games in history.

Rail duplication program – NSW, QLD: Shawn was responsible for extensive rail and bridge infrastructure for the then federal government's National Rail Corporation (subsequently became Pacific National).