

## **Minter Ellison to establish its own fully integrated office in Perth**

Minter Ellison is establishing its own fully integrated office in Perth and has amicably ended its association with the Perth firm that has operated under the "Minter Ellison" name in Western Australia.

"We have no doubt the decision to go our separate ways is the right outcome," Chief Executive Partner John Weber said. "Having a wholly integrated office has been our long held strategy. Through discussions over the past 12 months it has become clear that our two firms have differing commercial objectives in the Western Australian market."

"Our own office in the west will provide seamless services for our international, national and West Australian clients."

The new Minter Ellison Perth office will open in October and will include a number of partners from the current Minter Ellison Perth office. The other partners of the current Minter Ellison Perth office will be establishing the Perth office of the global firm Squires Sanders.

"The wholly integrated Minter Ellison Perth office will deliver top tier, nationally focused and pan-Asian integrated services in the key areas that our clients are asking for – energy & resources, project & infrastructure, corporate / M&A, real estate, dispute resolution, insolvency / reconstruction and finance. We believe Perth will be an increasingly important market in the region and accordingly by October we will have a sizable presence with around 10 partners. Minter Ellison expects to work collaboratively with the new Perth Squire Sanders office whenever possible.

"We wish the new office of Squires Sanders well in their endeavours," Mr Weber said.

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