

GILBERT WALKER

Construction



What we do

- We provide strategic, timely, and cost-effective advice and advocacy to principals and contractors on a wide range of large-scale construction projects.

How we help

- Collaboration is key and we make sure to work with our clients' in-house teams and external project lawyers to resolve disputes that arise during a project at the earliest possible stage. Our advice and advocacy are tailored to meet the short deadlines and other special features of construction disputes.
- We assist clients across all dispute forums including: engineer's decisions, dispute resolution boards, expert determination, adjudication, arbitration, and court proceedings. We also advise on payment claims under the Construction Contracts Act, disputed variation claims, disruption, defective works, claims on performance bonds, sub-contractor disputes, and liquidated damages and penalties.

Experience

- advising SkyCity on numerous disputes arising out of a \$450m construction project suffering significant delays and cost overruns
- acting for two listed Australasian construction contractors in relation to a professional negligence claim against the designers of a major roading infrastructure project, and a related insurance dispute
- acting for one of New Zealand's largest construction businesses in defending an urgent injunction application for specific performance
- acting for a principal on a multi-million-dollar adjudication claim against a contractor relating to the final account for construction of a major infrastructure asset
- acting for a listed commercial landlord on an expert determination of disputed variations,

- extensions of time, and liquidated damages/penalties arising out of lessor's works
- acting for a principal challenging an arbitral award following a dispute over a performance bond
- acting for developers, building certifiers, architects, engineers and others facing building defects claims
- advising on issues arising as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, including the doctrine of frustration, force majeure, variations, extensions of time, liquidated damages, and contract works insurance

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