

Lewis Woolcott Expert Services

Expert evidence you can rely upon.

Independent quantum and delay opinions for construction and infrastructure disputes.

Evidence That Proves, Delivered the Way Courts and ADR Forums Expect

Lewis Woolcott's Expert Services division delivers independent quantum and delay analysis for construction, engineering and infrastructure disputes. We work with leading law firms, contractors and owners across the infrastructure, power, commercial, Oil and Gas, healthcare and resources sectors.

WHAT WE OFFER

01

Independent Expert Reports & Testimony

"Clean" quantum and delay expert reports, joint expert conclaves and oral testimony for litigation, arbitration and mediation.

02

Expert Determination & Adjudication

Expert determination and adjudication support, including registered adjudicators on the RICS and QBCC panels.

03

Forensic Delay Analysis

Forensic analysis of critical path, concurrency and causation from the project records, by experts experienced in all recognised methods.

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Forensic Cost Analysis

Forensic cost analysis for prolongation, acceleration, escalation, disruption, loss & expense, variations and defect rectification.

Four Reasons Why Lawyers Instruct Lewis Woolcott

Disputes are won on the quality of the evidence and the credibility of the people who give it. The lawyers who instruct us need an expert who is persuasive under cross-examination, clear on paper and dependable on deadlines. Here is what sets our division apart.

- 1 Led by proven experience**
Our quantum and delay experts bring decades of hands-on project delivery, and have been appointed, reported and given evidence in formal proceedings. Under highly credentialled leadership, we have the right expert for your matter.
- 2 Independent and defensible**
Our experts give opinions that remain credible under cross-examination, grounded in evidence, internationally recognised methodology and commercial reality. Their reports have been preferred in adjudications and adopted in formal proceedings.
- 3 Data-enabled analysis**
Our forensic analysis is powered by Logic+, LWARE's proprietary scheduling platform. Programs and project records are interrogated faster, findings are more transparent, and the evidence is presented to tribunals with greater clarity, on the timescales formal proceedings demand.
- 4 An established firm behind every report**
Our experts are backed by the full strength of Lewis Woolcott, an established national consultancy. The firm's reputation, professional indemnity cover and ISO 9001 quality systems stand behind every report, with senior attention and competitive rates the global consultancies cannot match.

ISO 9001
CERTIFIED QMS

3
AUSTRALIAN OFFICES

50+
CLIENTS SERVED

20+
YEARS AVG EXPERT
EXPERIENCE

The People

Who Lead Your Matter

Behind every report is a person who must talk to it. When a matter proceeds to hearing, your position rests on the credibility of the expert in the chair. That is why our division is led by senior specialists with decades of project delivery behind them, and supported by a wider team of quantum and delay experts: all under one roof.



David Mitchell, Head of Expert Services – Quantum

BAppSc Quantity Surveying (QUT) | Fellow, AIQS | Member, RICS

A quantity surveyor with more than 40 years' experience and a family background in construction consulting, David is known for approaching projects strategically and understanding every area of construction cost. He was Managing Partner of Mitchell Brandtman for over two decades and co-founded QSx Technologies and YourQS. He is a pioneer of 5D quantity surveying, past Chairperson of buildingSMART Australasia and a teaching fellow at Bond University in 5D-BIM cost modelling.

David has advised across building, civil, heavy engineering and resources: from Perth Children's Hospital, Gold Coast University Hospital and the Brisbane Airport Link tunnel to the APLNG pipelines, Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal and the Kwinana Waste-to-Energy facility.

RECOGNITION BY THE COURT – APLNG

In proceedings relating to the APLNG project, David Mitchell provided independent quantum analysis concerning additional costs arising from Delay Causing Events. Chesterman J accepted Mr Mitchell's criticisms of the opposing quantum report and recognised his analysis as the basis upon which the quantum of any additional payments would be assessed.

"Mr Mitchell did perform that task and to the extent that MEPL establishes a right to additional payments their quantum will depend upon Mr Mitchell's analysis." —

Chesterman J



Brad Gibbs, Director – Delay

LLM Construction Law & Adjudication (Distinction) | MCI Arb | Member, Society of Construction Law

A practising forensic delay analyst with expert witness experience across building, infrastructure, oil & gas and renewable energy, on contracts from £3 million to €1.2 billion. Brad's engagements span the world's largest offshore windfarm, onshore wind in NSW and Queensland, hydroelectric and concentrated solar plants, substations, motorways and major mixed-use developments.

With a 30-year background in program planning and project controls, Brad prepares and defends extension of time claims and supports clients as an independent expert through adjudication, arbitration, mediation and litigation. He is fluent across the major analysis methodologies and bespoke EPC, FIDIC, NEC, JCT and trade contracts.

"Brad was able to quickly discern the critical issues of the matter and provided concise evidence-based delay and disruption analysis that was adopted by the client and supported the resolution of the dispute." — **Piet van Gelder, Partner, Head of Construction & Engineering, Howes Percival LLP**

A Team of Specialists

Across Quantum & Delay



Thomas Lee, Director – Quantum

Chartered QS, MRICS & MAIQS | Registered Adjudicator (RICS & QBCC) | MCI Arb | Construction Law Masters (Melbourne)

A chartered quantity surveyor and registered adjudicator with over 20 years across building, mining, infrastructure and civil projects, Thomas provides expert opinion, reports and testimony — including under cross-examination — on delay, disruption, contested variations and remedial works. His portfolio spans Perth Children's Hospital, Cross River Rail, Westgate Tunnel, Sydney Metro Northwest and, internationally, the Burj Khalifa and London Heathrow Terminal 3.

"Tom is a go-to quantum expert – with his building background, he is able to get to the heart of the issues quickly, and provides reports in which he expresses his opinion in a sound, compelling and easy to digest way." — **Craig Clements, Addisons**



Jesse Mitchell, Director – Delay

Associate Degree, Civil Engineering | Certified Practising Project Manager, AIPM

A forensic planner and delay analyst with more than 15 years on major building, infrastructure and resource projects, Jesse has provided independent expert opinions for the Queensland and Western Australian Supreme Courts, arbitrations and expert determinations. Fluent across all major planning software, he combines forensic delay analysis with strong commercial acumen in claims preparation and negotiation.

"The Mitchell Report demonstrates a clear understanding of the expert's role... By identifying the critical path and excusable versus non-excusable delay clearly, the Mitchell Report fulfills its 'Charter' to provide a neutral evaluation of the project's timeline." — **Jonathan H Sive, ABC Dispute Resolution Service**



Andries Pelsers, Senior Associate Director – Delay

LLM Construction Law & Arbitration | MCI Arb | Member, ICCP | Member, APM | Dip. Forensic Schedule Analysis

With more than 20 years across Africa, the Middle East, Europe and Australia, Andries has delivered forensic delay analyses and expert reports on power generation, renewables, oil & gas, data centre, rail and building projects — including Shell Penguins FPSO and Google's Eemshaven data centres. He acts for claimants and respondents through arbitration, adjudication and negotiated resolution.

Let's Talk About Your Matter

A conversation with David costs nothing, and an initial view of quantum or delay early in a dispute is often the fastest way to understand your position.

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