



Cyber simplified.

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About us

At Wotton Kearney, we've always stood out for our expertise in risk and liability as well as our deep commitment to helping clients navigate complex challenges. As the business landscape continues to evolve, so too does the nature and scope of risk globally.

Today's organisations face a broader spectrum of legal and operational exposures, from regulatory scrutiny and cyber threats to ESG obligations and reputational risk. Recognising this shift, we've expanded our focus to offer a comprehensive legal risk advisory service tailored to the needs of corporates. Our team brings together market-leading talent and deep sector knowledge to help businesses anticipate, manage, and mitigate risk across every facet of their operations.

We're proud to offer one of the most specialised legal risk advisory teams in the Asia Pacific, uniquely positioned to support forward-thinking corporates with strategic, pragmatic, and commercially grounded advice.



13
OFFICES

100+
PARTNERS

550+
LEGAL TEAM



**Tier One.
Full stop.**



**Represent 120
of the World's
Leading Insurers**



**13 Offices
4 Countries**



**83% growth in
Pro Bono
contributions**



**Ranked for Data
Protection and
Disputes (Chambers
and Legal 500)**



**10 years of our
Community
Footprint program**

Our Cyber and Data Capability



Why Wotton Kearney for Cyber, Data & Technology?



Main game

In the realm of cyber and technology law, nuances matter. Specialisation is key to success. As a leading cyber and technology team finding legal solutions for complex cyber risks is not just a facet of our practice – it's our main game.

Full-service offering

Our comprehensive services cater to varying cyber, data and technology concerns. Our specialist lawyers collaborate with clients to deliver customised solutions, whether it's incident response, privacy compliance, data risk management, or dispute resolution.

Team depth and specialisation

With over 30 dedicated lawyers focusing solely on Cyber, Data and Technology across Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Thailand backed by a global network of 2000+ lawyers, we offer unmatched expertise.

Local experts. Global player

Cyber risks are global, but their impacts are local. Our team combines international experience with a deep understanding of local cyber landscapes. Through strategic partnerships, we leverage our knowledge and relationships to address cross-border breaches effectively.



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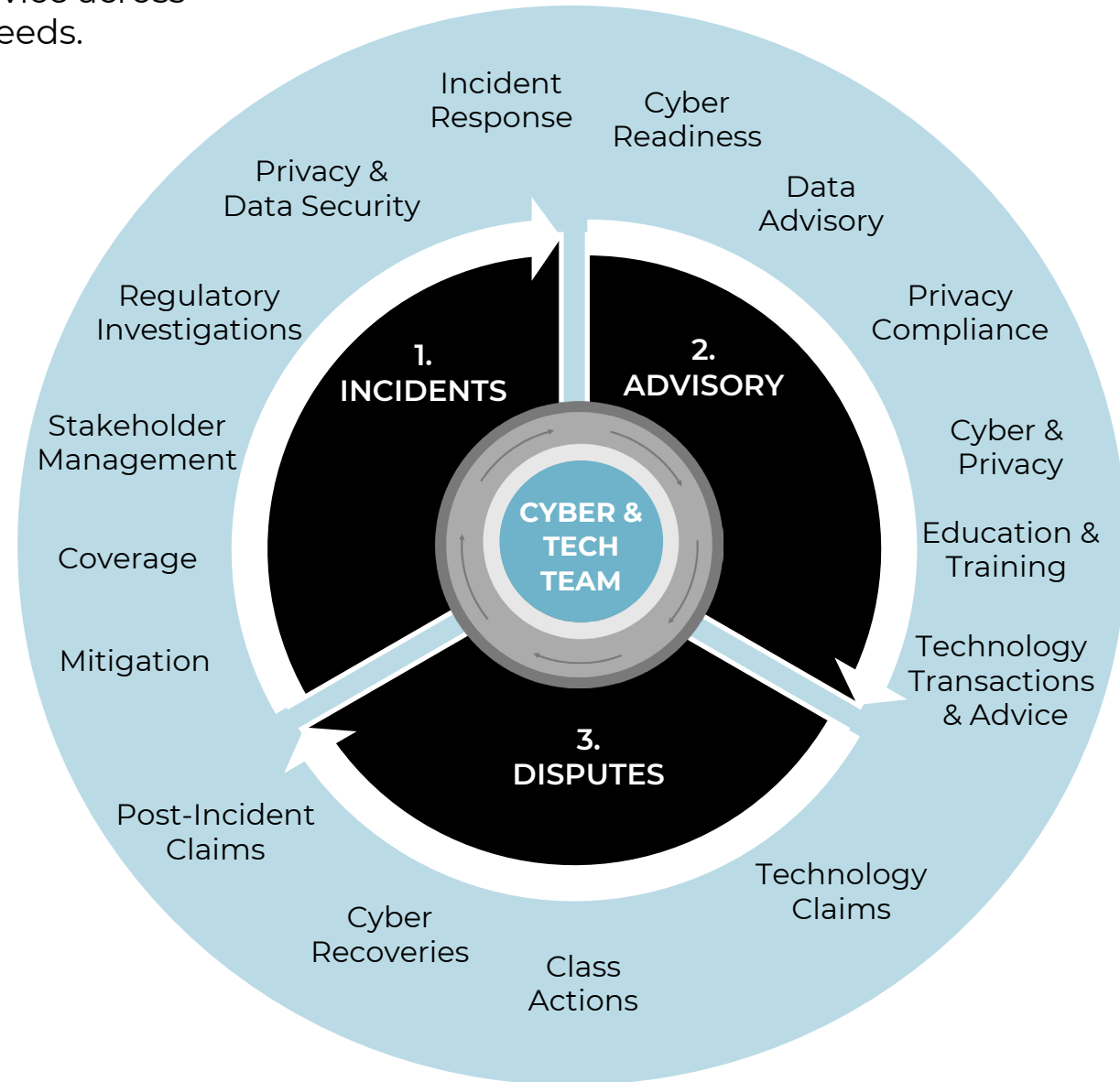
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Providing a full-service offering to the market



Our service model allows us to provide the best service across the complete spectrum of cyber and technology needs.



'The data protection and cyber security team at WK are leaders in the field. What truly sets them apart is their ability to explain complex concepts to their clients, putting them at ease at what can be an overwhelming time.'

Coupled with this, the team have excellent technical understanding in addition to their legal expertise.'

Legal 500, 2024

Incident Response

Our aim is to get your organisation back on its feet quickly and proactively, with loss mitigation and regulatory compliance front of mind.

Market leading incident response team

We have a market-leading cyber incident response team that has handled hundreds of cyber events, including some of the largest and most complex incidents in Australia and other jurisdictions.

24/7 incident response hotline

We operate a cyber incident response hotline that is monitored 24/7 by our team. Our team will respond quickly and efficiently to any notification of an incident through this hotline.

Expert vendor panel

We have an established a panel of expert vendors to help investigate and advise on the technical and commercial actions required to mitigate exposure following a security incident or data breach.

Balancing legal experts and technology

We combine the right mix of lawyers and technology to manage your claims efficiently. Our service model allows us to successfully provide outstanding service at an economical rate across the complete spectrum of cyber needs following a cyber incident.



Cyber Hotline

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“Their experience shows in their effective and efficient advice, which minimises business interruption while meeting regulator requirements.”

Client Feedback
Chambers Asia Pacific, 2025



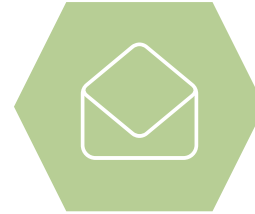


Stage 1 Incident Triage

WK operates a cyber incident response hotline that is monitored 24/7 by our cyber lawyers. Our team will respond within one hour to any notification of an incident through this hotline.

During this initial triage call and over the following 48 hours we will provide phone advice/support to the insured, while obtaining the details of the incident, including:

- What happened?
- What is the nature of the incident /how has it affected the company's system?
- When was it discovered? How long has it been occurring?
- How did it get into the company's system?
- Has data been compromised?
- What customer management has been done?
- Is there an existing IT vendor and, if so, how are they involved?



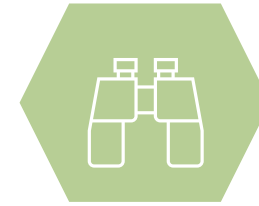
Stage 2 Incident Response

Within 24 hours we will provide an 'Initial Report' to the insurer notifying them of the cyber incident – a copy can also be issued to the broker.

The advantage of using a lawyer as an incident manager is that we can immediately seek to protect key reports and other sensitive communications with the insured and other vendors under legal professional privilege.

We will work with you to tailor the report to align with your internal reporting needs and systems. As a base line, this report typically will include:

- name and contact details of your insured customer, including the nature of their business
- policy number
- details of the cyber incident/breach (containing the answers to the questions asked in Stage 1)
- details of initial direction provided to the insured on the legal, technical and commercial actions required to take post breach, and
- recommendations on any relevant vendor appointments, usually forensic if required



Stage 3 Incident Investigation & Resolution

Following delivery of the initial incident report, we will:

- scope out any investigation work required
- engage and coordinate third party service providers (including technical/forensic providers or public relations providers)
- manage the investigation
- provide regular updates on the incident
- assist the insured with client communications
- assist with data breach investigations, and
- assist with managing regulatory and claims issues.

Our Incident Response Network

WK has established a panel of expert vendors to help investigate and advise on the technical and commercial actions required to mitigate exposure following a security incident or data breach.

IT forensic Specialists

We work with a range of IT forensic specialists to support different cyber product offerings following an incident. They provide services locally and globally. SMEs and large enterprise alike can respond with speed to cyber incidents. We focus on matching the right vendor to the right company based on the size of the company and the incident they are dealing with.

Public Relations Experts

An important part of responding to a security or data breach incident is understanding the need for crisis communications and other public relations activities. Our team have unparalleled expertise in handling sensitive, high-profile media matters. If additional support is required, we have arrangements with leading PR specialists who understand the need for brand and reputation protection and the sensitivity regarding cyber incident management.

Data Restoration

We work with market leading recovery experts who assist clients immediately after a cyber incident to find the best, fastest and most cost-effective path to full recovery and reduce business interruption costs.

ID Monitoring

We have an established relationship with IDCARE, Australia's leading ID monitoring service. This can reduce third-party and regulatory risk, by monitoring affected individuals' IDs and credit.

Specialist Providers

We have relationships with the largest incident negotiators across the globe, specialising in threat actor negotiations and recovery services.

Notification Services

In a cyber crisis, timely and effective communication is critical to meeting legal obligations, mitigating risks, and maintaining trust across your business. That's why we created (b)REACH – a purpose-built notification service designed to streamline the entire process, from crafting tailored email and postal notifications to managing inbound queries. Using seamless CRM integration and tailored workflows, (b)REACH takes care of the entire notification and response process, allowing you to focus what matters – recovery and getting back to business.



FORENSIC PROVIDERS COMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS



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DATA RESTORATION



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SPECIALIST PROVIDERS



(b)REACH. Strategic, seamless and simplified notification service.



Managing the aftermath of a cyber incident can be stressful, complex, and time-consuming. In a cyber crisis scenario, clear, effective and timely notification is crucial for meeting legal obligations, reducing risks, and maintaining trust with your organisation's stakeholders and affected individuals.

Leveraging our extensive experience managing hundreds of cyber incidents for organisations of all sizes and across all sectors each year, **(b)REACH** is **Wotton Kearney's purpose-built notification service**, designed exclusively for our clients.

Benefits for your organisation:



End-to-end breach notification

(b)REACH takes care of every step of the notification process, including:

- **Personalised email and postal notifications:** We'll provide tailored notifications that ensure compliance with your organisation's privacy obligations under the Notifiable Data Breach Scheme (and State equivalents).
- **Inbound query handling:** We'll efficiently manage all inquiries, providing clear, reliable and timely responses



Streamlined, unified messaging

Using seamless CRM integration and tailored workflows, **(b)REACH** streamlines the notification and response process, significantly reducing notification and response times, enhancing compliance with regulatory requirements, and minimising the operational burden on your organisation.

All communications are crafted to be issued under your brand, ensuring consistency, trust, and brand cohesion.



Focus on recovery, not logistics

Our fixed-fee solution provides peace of mind and cost certainty by expertly managing the time-consuming notification and query process.

With **(b)REACH**, we ease the burden on your team, enabling you to focus on what matters most: recovering from the incident and getting back to business while we handle the complexities of communication, compliance and stakeholder engagement.

Keen to know more? Contact the **(b)REACH** team to discuss how we can support your organisation:

Data review services



WK's AI-powered PII detection service in partnership with Canopy

Accurate, timely, and cost effective

When a data breach occurs, breach response teams need to quickly assess whether it is legally considered notifiable. If so, they must meet strict, non-negotiable notification deadlines enforced by data privacy regulations.

By using Canopy's Data Breach Response software, WK can reduce the time, cost, risk, and effort associated with the defensible detection of sensitive data by streamlining data breach response at every step, from process through to notification.

Importantly, engaging WK to do this work means you will work with experts who understand the regulatory framework and who will maintain legal professional privilege, which can reduce exposures if action is taken later.

Case study 1

15% faster

WK SPEEDS UP DATA BREACH
PII REVIEW WITH CANOPY

Using Canopy's purpose-built efficiencies, we were able to more quickly assess the nature of the breach and help meet non-negotiable notification deadlines, all while managing the cost of the cyber claims in an efficient manner.

Read more [here](#).

Case study 2

2,000

HOURS SAVED
USING CANOPY

When a U.S.-based online retailer was breached, their response team first employed traditional keyword search methods which flagged 90,000 sensitive documents for review. Comparatively, Canopy's advanced PII detection algorithms accurately flagged just over 10,000 documents, saving the response team 2,000 hours in review.

Read more [here](#).

Phase 1 Process

Using AI, Canopy quickly identifies different types of personally identifiable information (PII) in any data set – including emails, text documents, spreadsheets, PDFs, and many other file types.

Phase 2 Assess

WK uses Canopy's processing, which is completed in Phase 1, to eliminate the need for iterative searches. This means we can immediately flag sensitive documents for review making it faster to assess the scope of the breach response project.

Phase 3 Review

Canopy enables WK's skilled document reviewers to work even faster, making it easy to connect the identified people and PII detected in your data set. It eliminates the need to copy-and-paste data into spreadsheets.

Phase 4 Consolidate

Canopy's advanced entity management functionality takes the heavy lifting out of entity resolution, with features including automatic deduplication and suggestions for merging entities.

Phase 5 Notify

The ultimate deliverable of any data breach response project is a consolidated list of unique affected individuals and their compromised PII. As the WK team works, Canopy consolidates this information, which means we can export the list as soon as the review is complete.

Disputes



Post-incident

Now, more than ever, it's crucial for businesses to remain acutely aware of the litigation risk related to data breach incidents.

Following our incident response advice (triage, response, investigation and resolution), we will also manage the third-party risks associated with a data breach.

In this stage, we:

- provide a preliminary liability assessment to assist with mitigation of risk
- assist clients with managing the response to notifications and complaints made
- manage and respond to regulatory investigations
- advise on commercial and IP data loss issues
- assist with client enquiries and mitigation of claim risk, and
- respond to and defend third-party claims.

Experience across the spectrum

Market defining cyber breach

We have advised on the market's largest cyber incidents and responses, including a current incident in which we are defending many commercial claims from corporate customers.

Volume claims management

We also have a proven combined model providing incident response and privacy advice, managing volume claims that stem from books focused on the SME market.

Class actions defence

Acting in many of Australia's highest-profile and most complex disputes, WK has long been the law firm of choice for providing coverage advice to insurers and monitoring class actions brought against blue-chip companies, statutory agencies and corporate executives.

In that role, we have assisted in more than 80 class actions, including in relation to the recent Queensland and NSW floods, numerous product liability claims, shareholder claims for more than 20 corporations, COVID claims and environmental class actions.

Broadening our defence capability

In 2023, Amanda Beattie, a prominent litigator with extensive experience in class actions defence, joined WK. Supported by a growing team of senior lawyers, Amanda enhances WK's robust class actions defence capabilities across multiple jurisdictions.

Dual expertise approach

By combining Amanda's expertise with that of our subject matter experts, we have created a class actions team that delivers specialised defence with the tactical and litigation management skills to achieve the best commercial outcomes. This dual approach ensures expert defence in class actions, multi-party proceedings, and large-scale group remediation matters.

Supported by innovation

Our team is supported by our in-house eDiscovery team with the capability to support the management, classification, review and preparation of up to 1 million documents.

Our eDiscovery document platform maintains the integrity of documents exported, including all relevant metadata. It also provides effective data analytics to support targeted and efficient document review by the team.

Data Governance and Privacy

Data governance and privacy is becoming a critical priority for organisations as legal requirements and regulatory expectations intensify. We support organisations in assessing compliance gaps, developing robust privacy governance frameworks, and implementing sustainable operating models.



WK Advisory | Cyber



Organisations today are progressing their businesses at pace – adopting new technologies, expanding capabilities, leveraging third party expertise and protecting the assets that drive growth. As such, organisations face sharper threats to resilience and tougher regulatory expectations, making strong risk management more essential than ever.

Our advisory services are provided across three core pillars: **Understand, Plan** and **Transform**. Through this framework, we can provide you with expert support that reduces risks, strengthens controls, minimises disruption, and enhances your overall resilience.

UNDERSTAND

Identifying, assessing and quantifying the risks that matter most, providing visibility into exposures, obligations, and opportunities for improvement.

Cyber Risk/Maturity Assessment

Third Party Cyber Assessment

M&A Due Diligence

AI Risk/Maturity Assessment

PLAN

Designing pragmatic strategies, roadmaps, controls, and response approaches that strengthen resilience and ensure you are prepared for disruption.

Cyber Strategy and Roadmap

Cyber Operating Model

Cyber Risk Management Framework

Cyber Remediation Roadmap

TRANSFORM

Supporting organisations on their transformation journey by providing independent and objective advice focused on driving successful outcomes.

Cyber Program Delivery

Advisory Retainer

Board Cyber Reporting



Our Technology Capability



Technology Law



We offer pragmatic and innovative solutions in relation to all aspects of Technology law, including major technology projects and the provision of risk management advice. We offer advice and support across the following areas:

ICT contracting

We provide comprehensive legal support for customers acquiring and implementing complex technology solutions, as well as technology providers selling them, helping them achieve efficient and effective procurement outcomes.

We support our clients across every stage of the process, including drafting and negotiating the contract documents, and providing risk mitigation, delivering successful outcomes for public and private sector clients.

Our expertise includes all types of cloud and as-a-Service technology, software licences and development agreements, systems integration, Master Services Agreements, AI procurement and all types of related documents such as SLAs and DPAs

Commercial contracts

We specialise in drafting, reviewing, and negotiating commercial contracts, ensuring clarity, compliance and risk protection while supporting business growth. We work on high-value strategic matters across various industries, providing robust and pragmatic legal solutions to support business operations and growth.

Outsourcing

We assist clients in structuring and negotiating IT outsourcing and business process outsourcing (BPO) projects, ensuring compliance and optimal outcomes for both start-ups and established businesses. Our focus is on securing beneficial outcomes, consistently aligning the legal content with all schedules and 'back-end' content, and ensuring compliance with relevant regulations.

Intellectual property

We offer expert advice on managing, commercialising, and protecting IP, helping clients develop strategies and agreements to maximise asset value and manage risks. Our services include developing IP strategies, drafting and negotiating IP-related agreements, and advising on partnerships and product development



Technology liability

Our market-leading technology liability experts act in a wide range of complex technology disputes in federal and state jurisdictions, often involving highly technical issues and multi-million dollar quantum claims.

The team regularly act for software developers, ERP and CRM consultants, Salesforce implementation partners, website and app developers, payment processing platform providers and SaaS providers in relation to disputes arising from high-value projects, and managed services providers and cybersecurity consultants in relation to claims arising from cyber incidents.

While the team predominantly acts in a defence capacity, they are also regularly involved in the prosecution of recoveries on behalf of insurers following cyber events, including claims involving losses in excess of \$100 million.

The team is known for its pragmatic and commercial approach to disputes and its ability to obtain favourable and cost-effective outcomes for its clients.

Our claims approach

If a technology liability claim is made, we provide our clients with a smooth pathway through the process. This includes helping them to understand their contractual arrangements, as well as their rights and obligations under the law.

We will also develop a strategy for responding to the claim, as well as provide clear and prompt advice on any potential liability exposure.

Increasingly, we are also seeing the importance of mitigation activities in reducing liability exposure for businesses (particularly following cyber incidents).

Project Claims

We handle claims involving delays or failures in delivering technology solutions in accordance with contractual obligations. The claims typically require an urgent assessment of alleged defects with a view to mitigating a larger delay claim. Issues often also arise with respect to the scope of rectification works (as well as who performs them), the transition of a project to a new provider and the handover of source code and other intellectual property.

Our experience includes defending developers, designers and implementation consultants of all sizes, from SMEs to multinational tech companies.

Cyber-Related Claims

We handle technology liability claims arising from cyber incidents, both where a cyber incident suffered by the client impacts third parties or where a client is said to be responsible for a third party's cybersecurity.

Intellectual Property Claims

Intellectual property disputes often arise in the technology development context. We regularly advise clients on preliminary discovery applications, proceedings for injunctive relief and substantive disputes involving breach of copyright and breach of confidentiality.

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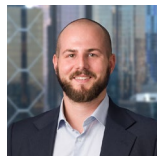


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“Wotton Kearney are excellent. They are a pleasure to work with and add value with great support. They are able to take on even the most complex of cyber claim engagements.”

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