

Risk management as a strategic business tool – why legal is so much more than a dustpan and brush

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James is a specialist in cyber, data protection, and privacy technology and law. He has led major projects advising on data protection and cyber risk management strategies, conducting data privacy impact assessments, and has experience with technology contract negotiations and disputes. James has led multidisciplinary teams in responding to hundreds of active cyber incidents including ransomware, email compromise, and privacy breach events, including running the discovery phase. James has worked with private sector companies across a wide range of industries, including Fortune 500 and ASX 200, and public sector entities in Canada, the United States, the

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