

Where will I find relevant cases on my topic?

Answer:

Textbooks [UOW Library Catalogue](#)

Textbooks on a relevant topic will include references to relevant cases.

[LexisNexis AU: All Subscribed Australian Case Sources](#)

Select as a source when you want a comprehensive search across a number of sources such as Australian Law Reports, Case Base, Australian Current Law-Reporter, Intellectual Property Reports, Northern Territory Reports and the Victorian Reports. Searches catchwords.

TIP:

- **Library homepage**>click **Databases**> click **Law**
- Click **LexisNexis AU**
- Click **Cases** (Tab at top of screen)
- In the Sources field select **All Subscribed Australian Cases**
- Use the appropriate field(s) (E.g.. Search Terms OR Catchwords)
- For tips on how to use LexisNexis AU refer to Help on their homepage

[LexisNexis AU: CaseBase](#)

Contains citations to reported and unreported judgments, and their judicial consideration, for most Australian jurisdictions. Similar to the Australian Case Citator. Links to **Some fulltext** (those reports we subscribe to in print and published by LexisNexis e.g. *Australian Law Reports*, *Intellectual Property Reports*, *Northern Territory Reports* and the *Victorian Reports*).

TIP:

- **Library homepage**>click **Databases**> click **Law**
- Click **LexisNexis AU**
- Click **CaseBase Cases and Journal Articles** (lower part of screen)
- In the Sources field select **CaseBase Cases**
- Use the appropriate field(s) (E.g.. Search Terms OR Catchwords/Summary)

[Legal Online: FirstPoint](#)

Combines the Australian Case Citator with the Australian Digest to provide citator information and case summaries. Access to **Some fulltext** (those reports published by Lawbook Online and to which we subscribe to in print e.g.. *Commonwealth Law Reports*). Does not search the full text or catchwords of the fulltext cases. Updated daily.

- **Library homepage**> click **Databases**>click **Law**>
- Click on **Lawbook Online**
- Click **FirstPoint**
- Enter search terms in appropriate fields

Full text for those reports to which we subscribe in print:

[Legal Online: Commonwealth Law Reports](#)

[Legal Online: Australian Criminal Reports](#)

[Legal Online: Federal Court Reports](#)

[Legal Online: Industrial Reports](#)

[Legal Online: Local Government and Environmental Reports](#)

[CCH Online](#)

A comprehensive work of cases, legislation and commentary, in a variety of subject areas and across all jurisdictions. Published by CCH. **Some fulltext**.

TIP:

- Click **Databases**>click **Law**
- Click **CCH Online**
- Select the appropriate Library

- Select the appropriate title(s)
- Those mentioning *Cases* and *Commentary* in the title are good starting points

[Lexis.com](#)

An international database that has a few series of Australian law reports not available electronically elsewhere. E.g. *Australian Corporations and Securities Reports, Motor Vehicle Reports*. Also valuable for some full text unreported cases from ACT, NSW, Tas and Vic as well as Federal Court and High Court. Try Lexis.Com if you have been unable to locate a case in the databases listed above. **Fulltext**. For tips on how to use this see the [Lexis.com database guide](#)

[Lawlink](#)

Links to full text decisions of Courts and Tribunals for most jurisdictions.

[Austlii](#)

This is a publicly accessible site produced by the Australasian Legal Information Institute (a joint facility of UTS and UNSW). It contains cases from most jurisdictions. Reported and unreported cases. Updated daily.

TIP: Click **Advanced Search** and then use the **Find** drop down menu to select the appropriate search method e.g.. this phrase or this boolean query etc. Then limit your search to **All Case Law Databases**.

[LexisNexis AU: Halsbury's Laws of Australia](#)

A comprehensive, **fulltext** legal encyclopedia giving an overview on a wide range of legal subject areas inc. relevant cases. A good starting point for identifying cases on a topic.

TIP:

- **Library homepage**> click **Databases**>click **Law**
- Click **LexisNexis AU**
- Under **Commentary/Other** click **Halsbury's Laws of Australia**
- Type in your keywords e.g.. "*judicial power*"
- Limit search as appropriate
- Click on the title for the full text of that paragraph. Look for case citations in the footnotes.