

Answer:

You may need to try a variety of sources. Some databases include some popular names.

[CCh Macquarie Dictionary of Law](#)

Has a good list of Popular Australian Case Names in the rear of the dictionary.

[Butterworth's Concise Australian Legal Dictionary](#) contains a list of popular Australian case names.

[LexisNexis AU](#)

Some popular case names included. Links to **some fulltext** (those reports we subscribe to in print e.g. Australian Law Reports).

TIP:

- At **LexisNexis AU** homepage under **Quick Find** type case name
- See **Help** top right

[Legal Online: FirstPoint](#)

Some popular case names included. Combines the Australian Case Citator with the Australian Digest and ALMD to provide citator information and case summaries. Links to **some fulltext** (those reports published by Lawbook Online and to which we subscribe to in print e.g., *Commonwealth Law Reports*). Updated daily.

TIP:

- At **Legal Online** homepage under **Search** type case name
- Or choose **FirstPoint**
- Type in the *case name* in the Case Name field e.g. *Tasmanian dam*
- Click **Search**
- Click on the Report Citation e.g. 183 CLR 245 (if we subscribe to the law report series in hard copy you will get the fulltext)
- See **Help** top right

[Austlii](#)

This is a publicly accessible site produced by the Australasian Legal Information Institute (a joint facility of UTS and UNSW.) Contains some popular names. The full text of older cases may not be available.

TIP:

- **Library homepage**> click **Databases**>click **Law**>
- Click **Austlii**
- Click **Advanced Search**
- Drop down the **Find** menu and select **this case name**.
- Type the name of the case and then limit your search to **All Case Law Databases**.
- If the full text is unavailable **decode** the abbreviations using the resources listed in Question 5 below.
- Then using the title of the law report series e.g. *Commonwealth Law Reports* do a **Journal Title** search and/or a **Title** search on the Library [Catalogue](#) to determine where the fulltext is located.

[AGIS Plus Text](#)

It is sometimes possible to identify a case by its popular name using this database to Australian legal journals.