Australian Privacy and Surveillance Law Library

Searching Australia's privacy law resources
< *http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/special/privacy/* >

The Australasian Legal Information Institute (AustLII) through its Privacy Law Library provides **free access** to Australia's key resources on privacy law through a single search location. Development of the Library is in conjunction with the *interpreting Privacy Principles (iPP) Project*, an Australian Research Council 'Discovery' project based at the Cyberspace Law & Policy Centre at UNSW.

The Library provides three search options: Databases, Catalog & Websearch, and Law on Google. Searches may be repeated over all three options. A link to the International Privacy Law Library on WorldLII allows broader searching.

Databases The 24 databases currently provided by the Library are shown overleaf, with the years covered (if relevant).

- 11 **case law databases of** privacy cases and complaints investigations from Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners, Courts and Tribunals. All available reports of complaint resolutions and determinations from the Privacy Commissioners are included. Court and Tribunal cases concerning privacy are automatically extracted from all the case law databases on AustLII to create 6 'virtual' databases, updated daily.

- 9 **legislation databases** from each Australian jurisdiction, virtual databases which extract privacy and surveillance-related legislation from the databases of Acts, Bills and Explanatory Memoranda on AustLII.

- J**ournal articles** on Australian privacy and surveillance law including the complete archive of *Privacy Law & Policy Reporter* (1994-2006), and a virtual database drawn from over 50 law journals in AustLII's *Legal Scholarship Library.*

- A **Privacy Law Reform** database which includes privacy and surveillance law reform reports and discussion papers from all Australian jurisdictions, and a database of privacy-related **Treaties and International Agreements** extracted from AustLII's Australian Treaties Library. Both are virtual databases.

All virtual databases are **automatically updated every day**. The Library currently contains **over 7,000 searchable items** including 3,200 cases, 2,500 items of legislation (at section level), 1,000 law journal articles, 400 law reform items (at Chapter level) and 40 treaties.

Search features The search engine searches the full text of all decisions and uses Boolean and proximity operators ('and', 'or', 'near' for within 50 words and 'w/*n*' for within n words). Search results are displayed *By Relevance* (ranked in likely order of relevance to the search terms: default option), but may also be displayed *By Date* (most recent first) and *By Database*. It is also possible to limit searches only to *Case Law Databases* or *Legislation Databases* or *Law Journals Databases*. Tick boxes can be used to select any combination of databases.

Catalog & Websearch option A **Catalog of links** to dozens of Australian web sites concerning privacy can be browsed (at the bottom of the Library), and WorldLII's web spider makes many of them searchable using the 'Catalog & Websearch' option.

'Law on Google' option This option adds a search over Google, translating the search from AustLII's search language to Google's, and limiting results to privacy-related legal content concerning Australia or from Australian websites.

Future Development Proposed improvements include a facility to more easily repeat searches over the *International Privacy Law Library* on WorldLII, to improve the display options and scope of the Websearch, and to update the Catalog. Suggestions for additional content are welcome to <feedback@austlii.edu.au> or the iPP Project researchers.

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Case Law
- ☑ Australian Privacy Case Summaries 2004- (AustLII)
- ☑ Federal Privacy Commissioner of Australia Case Notes 1989- (AustLII)
- ☑ Federal Privacy Commissioner of Australia Complaint Determinations 2002- (AustLII)
- ☑ New South Wales Privacy Commissioner Case Notes 1997- (AustLII)
- ☑ Victorian Privacy Commissioner Case Notes 2003- (AustLII)

- ☑ Federal Court of Australia Decisions Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues - [View All Results] (AustLII)
- ☑ New South Wales Administrative Decisions Tribunal Decisions Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues - [View All Results] (AustLII)
- ☑ Queensland Information Commissioner Decisions Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues - [View All Results] (AustLII)
- ☑ Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Decisions Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues - [View All Results] (AustLII)
- ☑ Western Australian Information Commissioner Decisions Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues - [View All Results] (AustLII)
- ☑ Other Australian Cases Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues - [View All Results] (AustLII)

Legislation
- ☑ Commonwealth Legislation Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues (AustLII)
- ☑ Australian Captial Territory Legislation Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues (AustLII)
- ☑ New South Wales Legislation Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues (AustLII)
- ☑ Northern Territory Legislation Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues (AustLII)
- ☑ Queensland Legislation Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues (AustLII)
- ☑ South Australian Legislation Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues (AustLII)
- ☑ Tasmanian Legislation Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues (AustLII)
- ☑ Victorian Legislation Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues (AustLII)
- ☑ Western Australian Legislation Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues (AustLII)

Law Journals
- ☑ Privacy Law and Policy Reporter 1994- (AustLII)
- ☑ Other Law Journal Articles Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues - [View All Results] (AustLII)

Law Reform Publications
- ☑ Law Reform Publications Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues - [View All Results] (AustLII)

Treaties and International Agreements
- ☑ Australian Treaties Concerning Privacy and Surveillance Issues - [View All Results] (AustLII)

Catalog and Websearch

Codes of Conduct   **Courts & Case-Law**
Individuals   **Legislation**
Organisations   **Other Indexes**
Publications

Cyberspace   **Surveillance**

About the Australian Privacy and Surveillance Law Library

This project aims to make searchable from one location all of the databases specialising in Privacy and Surveillance law available on AustLII.

Suggestions for additional databases, or additional database content, may be sent to feedback@austlii.edu.au or to any of the researchers working on the Interpreting Privacy Principles Project.

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