

## Australian Privacy and Surveillance Law Library



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

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.

Search [Search Help] [Advanced Search] Search: 🕙 Databases 🌕 Catalog & Websearch 🕤 Law on Google

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.
- Journal 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.

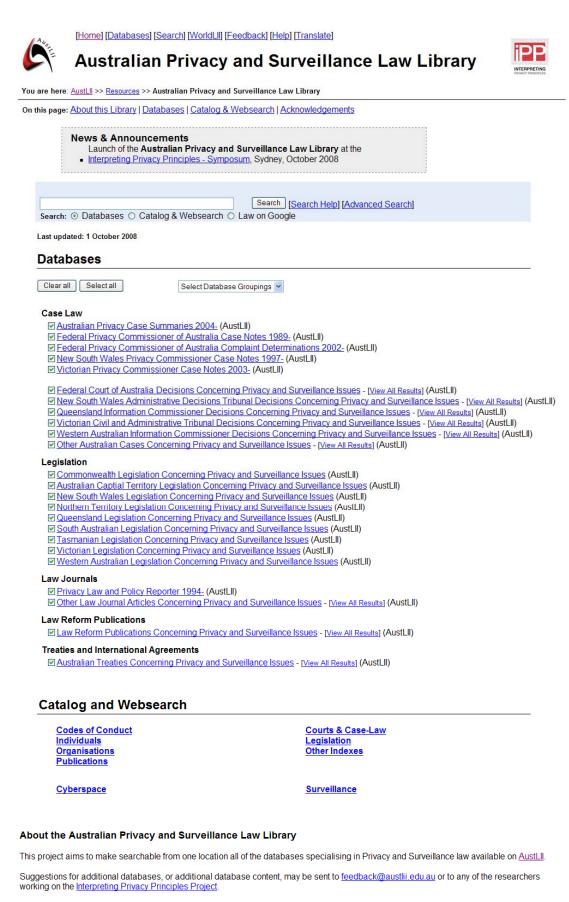
**Search features** The search engine searches the full text of all decisions and uses Boolean and proximity operators ('and', 'or', 'near' for within 50 words and 'w/n' for within n words). Search results are displayed *By Relevance* (ranked in likely order of relevance to the search terms: default 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 <<u>feedback@austlii.edu.au</u>> or the iPP Project researchers.

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