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Seasons Greetings

AustLII wishes all its donors and stakeholders a wonderful festive season.

Thank you for all the support you have given AustLII.

The staff at AustLII look forward to thanking you at AustLII's 15th birthday celebrations and the launch of the AustLII Foundation Limited charity in the second quarter of 2010.



Highlights: The year in review

In 2009, AustLII's daily usage increased approximately 30%, compared with 2008 and now averages over 900,000 hits per day. This is largely as a result of AustLII's increased content and engagement with its users and stakeholders.

AustLII added another 100 new databases to its free-access online public library bringing the total to 375 databases. These include new journals, including full-text searchable articles, ATO draft and final rulings and determinations, decisions of Victorian courts and tribunals and Ombudsman's reports to Parliament to list a few. AustLII's

listing of the complete collection of databases is available at: www.austlii.edu.au/databases.html

As part of AustLII's external engagement a more externally oriented newsletter was developed, which will continue to be published three times per year in 2010. AustLII also conducted training and customised seminars around the country which were very well received.

Work continued on setting up processes to make the AustLII Foundation Limited functional as a charity. Donations are used to operate and maintain AustLII's Australian infrastructure and services.

LawCite tip

To reorder your search results, click on the column heading you wish to sort by.

LawCite is available at:

www.austlii.edu.au/lawcite/

LawCite, AustLII's international citator has indexed almost 3 million documents.

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Did you know these search tips?

1. If you know the title of the case or document you are looking for, use title (your search term) in the search box to reduce your search results. For example: title (mabo).

2. You will find legislation that has never been amended in the Numbered legislation databases and not in the Consolidated legislation databases.

3. To repeat your AustLII search on "Law on Google" use the "Repeat Search Over" functionality on AustLII, it appears to the right of the search box.

Research & development

The AustLII Research Institute conducts research and development for AustLII's international operations predominately through grant funding. The AustLII Research Institute operates WorldLII, CommonLII and AsianLII.

www.worldlii.org
www.commonlii.org
www.asianlii.org

WorldLII brings together legal information from 123 jurisdictions around the world. CommonLII brings together legal information from the Commonwealth law countries and recently added a Commonwealth criminal law library and Caribbean law with grants from the Commonwealth Secretariat. AsianLII provides legal information from 28 Asian countries. Case law from Hong Kong is now searchable in Chinese through AsianLII.

Help AustLII support you

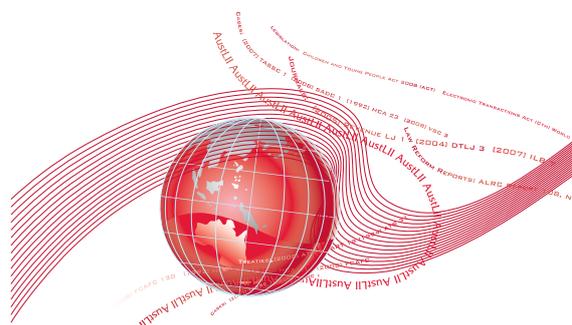
With the launch of the AustLII Foundation Limited, we have commenced a bequest program. Bequests assist the AustLII Foundation Limited to maintain AustLII's Australian infrastructure and services as a high quality, up-to-date, free-access online public library into the future.

After you have provided for your family and friends please consider leaving a bequest to the AustLII Foundation Limited. A bequest may be in the form of money, property, shares or goods.

If you are able to assist the AustLII Foundation Limited in this way, you may wish to consult your solicitor regarding the wording of your will. The AustLII Foundation Limited would be delighted to publicly acknowledge your bequest or treat it as confidential, whatever your wish may be.

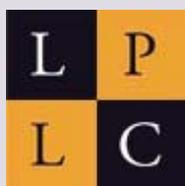
The AustLII Foundation Limited will be celebrating its launch to coincide with AustLII's 15th birthday celebrations in the second quarter of 2010. Donors and stakeholders will be invited to attend.

Further information about leaving a bequest to the AustLII Foundation Limited or Foundation sponsorship can be obtained from Annelies Moens, External Relations Manager on 02 9514 4930 or email annelies@austlii.edu.au.



Featured donor

Legal Practitioners' Liability Committee



www.lplc.com.au

The **LPLC** is the professional indemnity insurer for Australian legal practitioners pursuant to the *Legal Profession Act 2004 (Vic)*. Apart from handling claims against Australian legal practitioners, LPLC also provides a comprehensive risk management program to assist the profession to minimise the risk of claims arising.

LPLC believes that AustLII plays a valuable role in minimising the risk of claims arising as it provides free-access to legal information. LPLC is AustLII's top donor in the third quarter of 2009, donating \$50,000.

If you or your organisation would like to donate to AustLII, please fill in our contribution form at:
www.austlii.edu.au/austlii/sponsors/contribute.pdf

Donation enquiries can be directed to Annelies Moens, AustLII's External Relations Manager on +61 2 9514 4930 or annelies@austlii.edu.au.

Third Quarter 2009: Top Donors

- Legal Practitioners' Liability Ctee
- Federal Magistrates Court
- National Legal Aid
- The University of Queensland
- The College of Law
- Clayton Utz
- Minter Ellison
- Monash University
- Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- Qld University of Technology
- Australian Industrial Relations Commission
- Workers Compensation Commission of NSW

A full list of donors can be found at:
www.austlii.edu.au/austlii/sponsors

AustLII training

In 2009, the general AustLII training was held nationally in Perth, Canberra, Melbourne, Darwin and Brisbane. If you are interested in attending a general AustLII training day please advise you would like training to be held in your city.

In early 2010, AustLII is commencing dedicated training solutions for staff within organisations. If your organisation would like your staff to benefit from AustLII training please contact Annelies Moens to discuss.

For more information contact AustLII's External Relations Manager:
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Delivering effective and efficient access to legal information

*Lance Rundle, President,
Central Queensland Law Association*

In 2009, the Central Qld Law Association donated \$5,000 to AustLII. Association members and I continue to find AustLII's free-access resources essential in that they deliver effective and efficient access to legal information, including recent

case law and legislative amendments to our clients in the offices and court rooms in which we practise law. Recently, I was in the Federal Court representing a client in copyright proceedings. I needed to check the Federal Court Rules in regards to pleadings and by using AustLII's search engine, the Federal Court Rules were downloaded quickly.

Further, I use AustLII in my office when I am providing advice to my clients. For example, I was advising my client on the possible jurisdictions in which Court proceedings could be commenced. By using AustLII's search engine to search for that area of law, I was able to find similar cases in which various proceedings were commenced in the Federal Court, the Federal Magistrates Court and the Supreme Court of Queensland.

Legal scholarship library

AustLII is in the process of vastly expanding the journals it has available online for free access. You can now search the full-text of dozens of new law journals including:

- Sydney Law Review 1953-
- **UNSW Law Journal 1975-**
- Monash University Law Review 1974-
- **Griffith Law Review 1992-**
- Public Space: The Journal of Law & Social Justice 2007-
- **University of Notre Dame Law Review 1999-**
- Journal of Applied Law & Policy 2008-
- **International Journal of Social Security and Workers Compensation 2009-**
- Journal of the Australasian Law Teachers Association 2008-
- **Legal Education Digest 1992-**
- University of Melbourne Law School Research Series 2005-

Continue: Legal scholarship library

The improved and expanded collection is available at:

www.austlii.edu.au/au/journals/

More content is still being added to the legal scholarship library as part of an Australian Research Council grant. Hence if you are aware of a journal that could become available for free access on AustLII please contact us.

AustLII at the Qld bar



In early November, Professor Graham Greenleaf, Co-Director AustLII, presented on "free-access online legal research for busy practitioners" and showed Qld barristers tips and techniques to more effectively search AustLII. Over 65 barristers participated in the seminar. A full article can be found in Issue 39, 2009 of *Hearsay*, The Journal of the Bar Association of Queensland.

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