



Finding an Australian case in full text (when not listed in Supplementary Readings)

1. **Confirm that the case is Australian** – If you don't recognise the citation abbreviation (eg. SASR), look up the citation in an abbreviation finder:
 - a. Cardiff: <http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/>
 - b. [CaseBase Help](#) also has a useful abbreviations list
2. **Decide if you want a reported version or just the text of the judgment** - Reported versions have been edited and also contain summaries of the main points of the case
 - a. **If yes:** go to step 5a
 - b. **If a reported version is not important:** go to step 3
3. **Check [AustLII](#)**
 - a. If you can't find it, look the case up in [Casebase or Firstpoint](#) to see if the details are correct and/or whether there is alternative citation to help find the case in AustLII
4. **Check AustLII again with the additional information from Casebase or Firstpoint**
5. **If not in AustLII but is in Casebase or Firstpoint**
 - a. Go to '[Law reports – A-Z](#)' and search for the case in the law report series provided in the course guide citation.
 - i. Law homepage > Law Databases > Law Reports A-Z
 - b. If not found, use alternative report citation provided by Casebase or Firstpoint to find an alternative report in full text (available from Law Reports A-Z)
6. **If not available from Law Reports A-Z and *not* in Casebase or Firstpoint**
 - a. Check original source of citation to see if it is correct – go back to step 1 if an error is discovered
 - b. Try [Taxpoint](#) if it's a tax related case
 - c. Search [Library Catalogue](#) (use a keyword search) to check if the case has been digitised for another subject for ereserve
7. **If not in the Library Catalogue and you're 100% sure its not online**
 - a. Check the [list of Australian \(and English\) law reports online](#) to see if the Law Library has the case in hard copy
 - b. If report series is listed go to Level 8 in the Law Library to find it – use blue folder to look up citation to find the right bay
8. **If not in Level 8 law reports in the Law Library**
 - a. [Ask Law Library staff](#) about other possibilities for getting the full text of the case