



## Finding cases using plain language

Plain language searching allows you to search by asking a question or typing in a sentence that describes the information you are looking for.

1. Type the legal issue you are researching into the global search bar, e.g., **copyright infringement involving musical works**
2. Click **Search** or press Enter on your keyboard.
3. In the overview summary page, results display the case law where keywords are found in the judgment, and West Key Number Classifications related to similar points of law.
4. Select **Cases** on the left-hand side to view all relevant cases.

The screenshot displays the Westlaw Australia search interface. At the top, the search bar contains the query "copyright infringement involving musical works" (marked with a 1). The search results page shows an "Overview (5)" section. On the left-hand side, the "Content types" menu is visible, with "Cases" selected (marked with a 4). The main content area displays a case titled "Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd v Escape Bar & Night Club Pty Ltd" (marked with a 3). The case summary includes the following text: "The applicant (APRA) applies under r 13.03B(2) of the Federal Circuit Court Rules 2001(Cth) (FCC Rules) for default judgment against the respondents on causes of action under the Copyright...". Below the case summary, there is a section titled "Key Numbers - Points of Law Found in Cases" which lists several key numbers related to intellectual property infringement, such as "45-1038 Infringement > Recording of musical works" and "45-1048 Infringement > Authorisation of acts".

5. If there are too many results, you can narrow by:
  - a. **Edit** your search in the global search bar.
  - b. **Search within results** for an additional term or phrase, e.g., "intellectual property".
  - c. **Filter** results by a specific aspect, e.g., jurisdiction or date.

The screenshot displays the Thomson Reuters Westlaw Australia Precision interface. At the top, the search bar contains the query "copyright infringement involving musical works" (marked with 'a'). The left sidebar shows a filter menu with "Jurisdiction" selected (marked with 'c'). The main results area shows three cases, with the first case "1. EMI Songs Australia Pty Ltd v Larrikin Music Publishing Pty Ltd" highlighted (marked with '5'). A "Search within results" box is marked with 'b'.

## Looking for more information?

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