Westlaw Precision Australia

Al Assisted Research - Quick Guide



Searching with AI technology on Westlaw Precision Australia

Westlaw Precision Australia uses AI technology so you can ask legal questions in everyday language. The quality of the response you receive, however, depends on the question asked.

Content scope

The AI tool searches across all current Westlaw primary law (cases and legislation).

Tips for best results when using the AI tool on Westlaw Precision Australia

- Write a clear, concise, and focused query that is 1-2 sentences long: adding information, such as practice area, cause of action, governing law, remedy sought, or material facts will provide better context for your query; adding legislation can significantly improve the result.
- Do not include irrelevant background facts in your query.
- Do not write a query in the style of a prompt, command or instruction: do not say, "find cases that...". Construct your query in everyday language using words you would find in cases.
- Focus on a single issue or question: separate issues into different sentences or questions.
- Avoid using proper names of people or parties, or the AI may search for the same names.

Research Methods on Westlaw Precision Australia that are not currently supported by the AI tool:

Task	Example	Suggested Research Methods
Searching by name or citation	"Hollis v Vabu" or "(1908) 5 CLR 765"	Enter the party name or citation into the Global Search Bar* to quickly locate the case.
Terms & Connectors	"Summary judgment" /p "breach of contract"	Enter terms and connectors search into the Global Search Bar* and refine by content type.
Requests for legal statistics	"How many cases were handed down by [Judge] in 2023?"	Run an Advanced Cases search from the Global Search Bar*, enter the Judge's name in the Judge field, then filter results by Date.
Commands to execute certain tasks	"Summarise the Jones v Smith case" or "Email me the Jones v Smith case and any cases that have negatively cited the case."	Enter case name into the Global Search Bar*, open the case, review the KeyCite Negative Treatment tab. If the case has received Digest Treatment, review the case summaries.

^{*} The Global Search Bar is used in traditional research and is located on the Westlaw Precision homepage.

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