

Researching Legislation

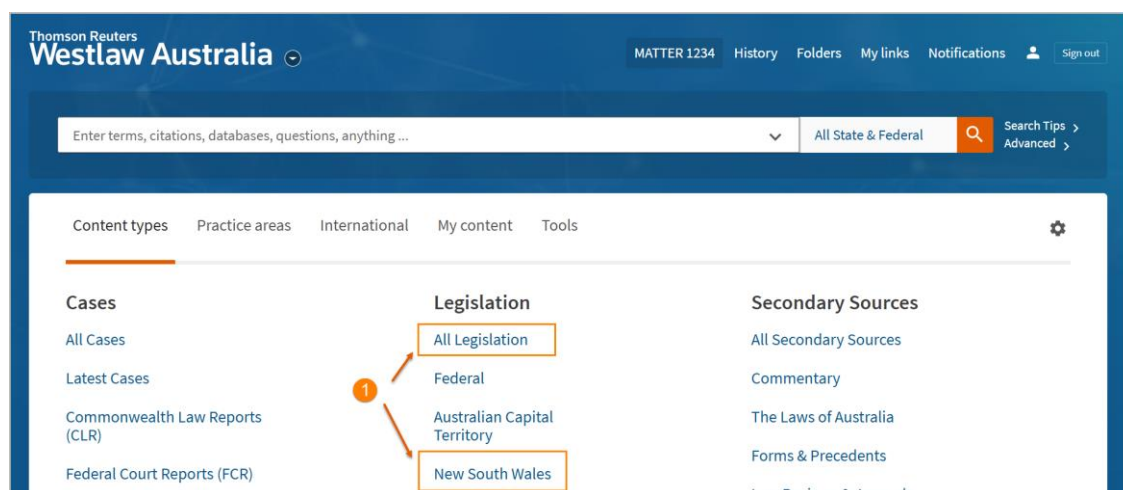
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How to Browse Legislation (Current in Force Acts, Regulations and Rules)

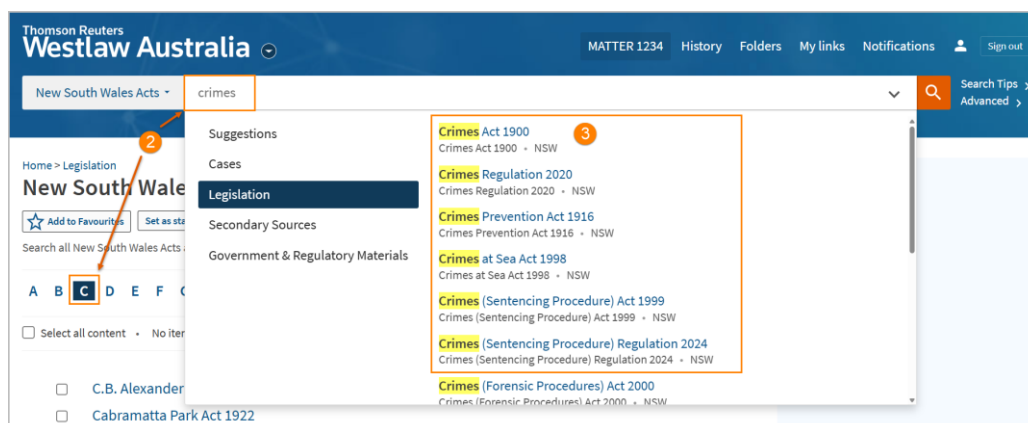
There are two ways to browse legislation.

Method 1 – Browsing from the homepage

1. Click on **All legislation** or **select legislation by jurisdiction** e.g. **NSW**.

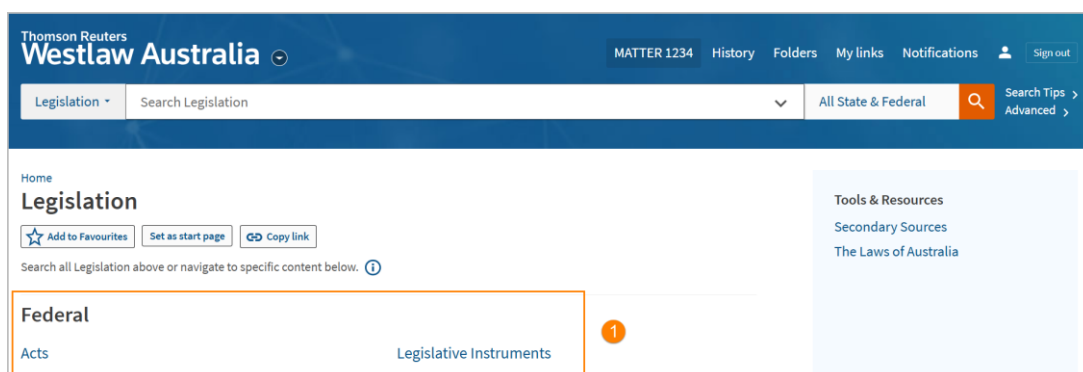


2. This displays all legislation in alphabetical order. Browse the titles or search across these Acts by typing in a keyword e.g. **Crimes** into the global search bar.
3. A list of the legislation containing **Crimes** will appear in the prediction box. Click on **More** to display more legislation titles. Select the title of the legislation (in blue) to open the table of contents of the Act.



Method 2: Browsing from the Legislation page

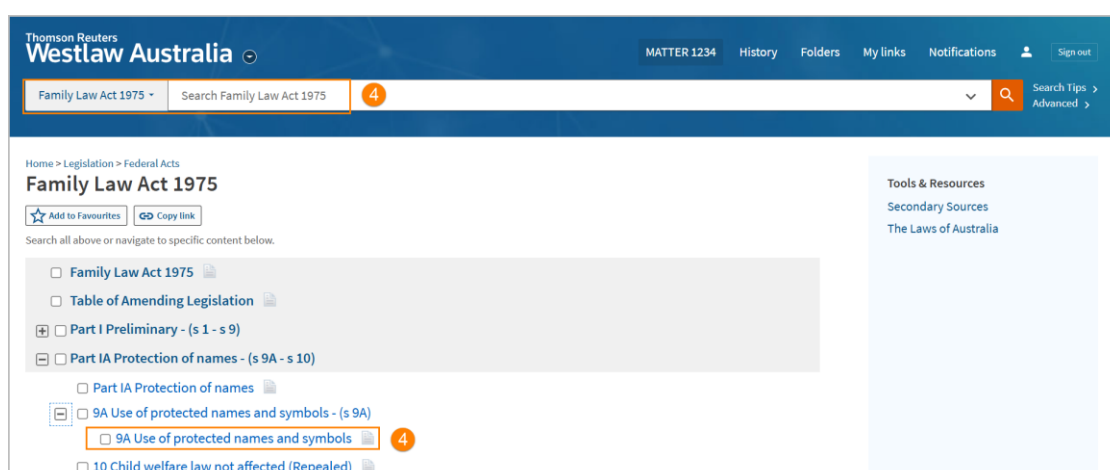
1. Choose **All legislation** or **select legislation by jurisdiction** e.g. **Federal**, and **Acts** or **Legislative Instruments** (e.g. Rule or a Regulation). Every jurisdiction has the same options.



2. To find the **Family Law Act 1975**, select **Federal – Acts** then click on the letter **F** from the top of the page, to display a list of the Acts starting with the letter **F**:
3. To view the table of provisions of an Act, click on the name of the Act e.g. **Family Law Act 1975**.

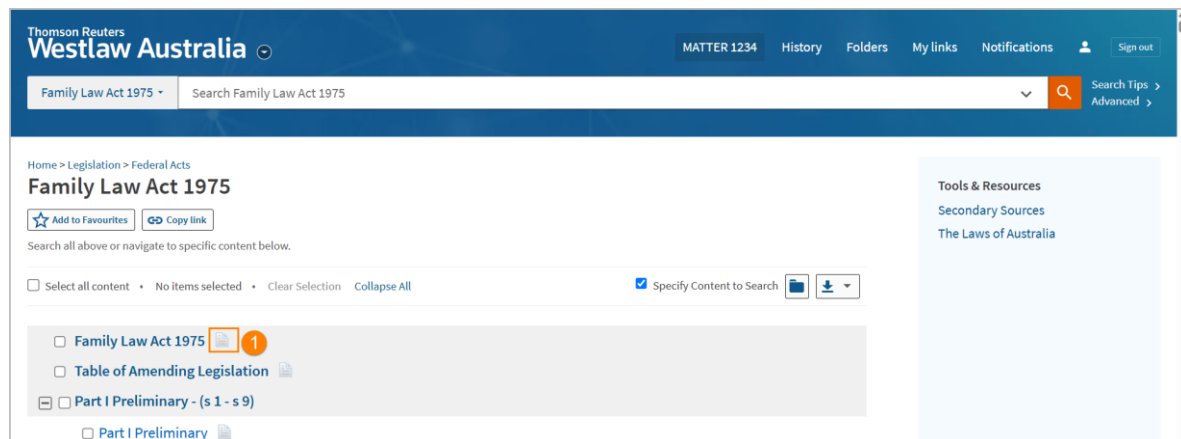


4. To search an Act, enter keyword/s into the Global Search bar at the top of the page. To browse the Act, simply scroll down the page to locate a provision. To view a provision, click the provision number and name in blue.

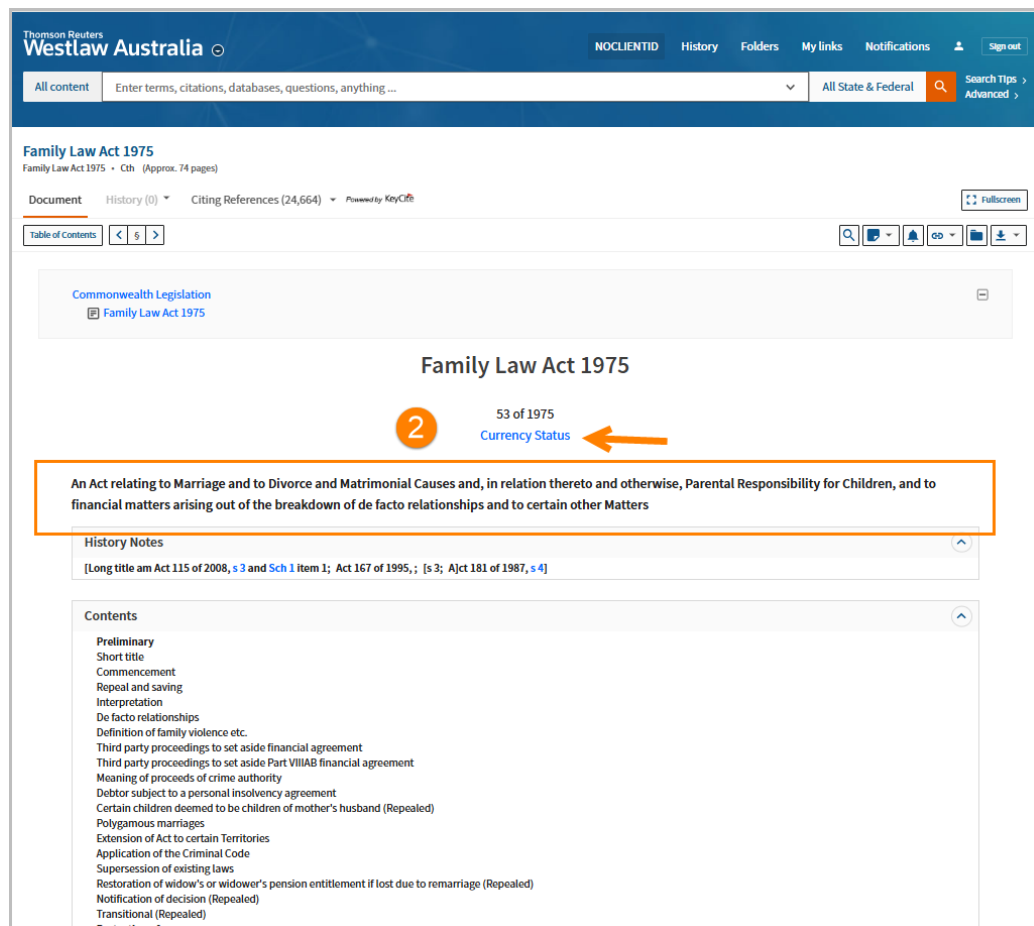


How to view the currency of a legislation

1. In the Global Search bar, type the legislation title, then click on the legislative suggestion to go to the legislation text in the legislation collection. Click on the **document icon** next to the title of the legislation.



2. The legislation in full text appears. To check on the currency of the legislation, click on the **Currency Status** link below the title. A summary of the Act is located underneath the Currency Status. Currency Status explains what and when the last amendment was made and lists any pending future amendments.



How to find amending legislation

1. To view the history of amendments made to the legislation, follow the steps from Q1 and click on the **Table of Contents** link or button, and go to **Table of Amending Legislation**.

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 - Part I Preliminary
 - 1 Short title

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2. You will find a list of all amending legislation dating back to the start of the Act/Regulation. We can see amendments made to the Act from 1976 (after the **Family Law Act** was assented and commenced in 1975). The list of amending legislation is shown in chronological order.

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Table of Amending Legislation
Family Law Act 1975 - Cth (Approx. 12 pages)

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Commonwealth Legislation
Family Law Act 1975

Family Law Act 1975

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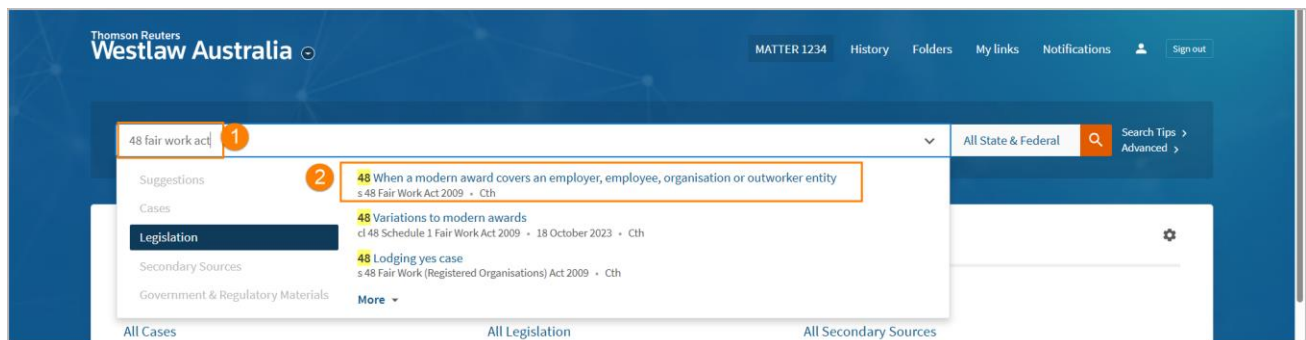
Principal legislation	Number	Date of gazettal/assent/registration	Date of commencement
Family Law Act 1975	53 of 1975	12 Jun 1975	5 Jan 1976 (Gaz G35 of 1975, p 2)

This legislation has been amended as follows:

Amending legislation	Number	Date of gazettal/assent/registration	Date of commencement
Family Law Amendment Act 1976	63 of 1976	8 Jun 1976	Ss 1, 2, 17, 18 and 39: 8 Jun 1976; ss 29 and 30: 5 Jan 1976; remainder: 1 Jul 1976
Family Law Amendment Act (No 2) 1976	95 of 1976	28 Sep 1976	28 Sep 1976
Marriage Amendment Act 1976	209 of 1976	20 Dec 1976	Ss 1, 2 and 30: 20 Dec 1976; ss 14 and 31: 1 Jul 1976; remainder: 20 Jun 1977: (Gaz S93 of 1997)
Family Law Amendment Act 1977	102 of 1977	11 Oct 1977	11 Oct 1977
Family Law Amendment Act 1979	23 of 1979	5 Apr 1979	Ss 4, 10, 11, 12(a), 17 and 23: 1 Aug 1979: (Gaz S154 of 1979); remainder: 5 Apr 1979

How to look for a section (clause or provision) in legislation

1. In the Global Search bar, type in the clause, section or provision number and the legislation title. You do not need to enter s, p or cl (section, provision, or clause).
2. Click on the legislative suggestion to go to the legislation text in the legislation collection.



3. Search the Australian Consumer Law. Use the same process, but search using **Competition and Consumer Act 2010 24** and choose the document with the clause.



Find citing references to a particular section of legislation

1. In the Global Search bar type the legislation title followed by the provision number. E.g., **48 Fair Work Act 2009**. Click on the legislative suggestion to go to the legislation text in the collection.
2. Click on **Citing References** tab to view a list of resources that cite the Provision.

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Fair Work Act 2009 • Cth (Approx. 3 pages)

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Fair Work Act 2009
Part 2-1 Core provisions

Fair Work Act 2009

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28 of 2009

When a modern award “covers” an employee, employer, organisation or outworker entity

(1) A modern award **covers** an employee, employer, organisation or outworker entity if the award is expressed to cover the employee, employer, organisation or outworker entity.

3. Filter by Secondary Sources to display relevant Commentary.

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Practical Law	1			
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1. National Workplace Relations 487890365, 48 When a modern award covers an employer, employee, organisation or outworker entity

National Workplace Relations 487890365

...National Workplace Relations Chapter 2 – Terms and conditions of employment (ss 41–333W) Part 2-1 – Core provisions for this Chapter (ss 41–58) Division 2 – Core provisions for...

...the employee in relation to particular employment. History Note
S 48 am Act 175 of 2012; Act 174 of 2012; Act 55 of 2009 View **s 48 of the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)** within the legislation collection...

4. Filter citing references by Cases to view list of cases that have cited the provision.

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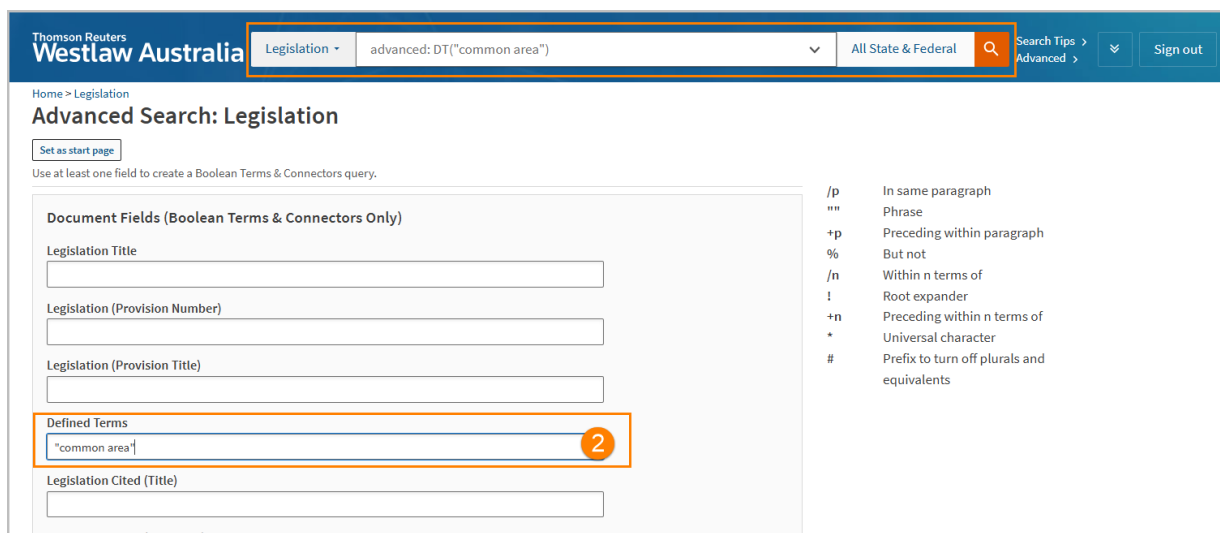
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[+] Federal 86		[2024] FCA 1366, 2024 WL 4902265, FCA		
[+] New South Wales 1		...The first appellant, Yes Insurance Group Pty Ltd ("Yes Insurance"), operates an insurance broking business aimed primarily at commercial road transport...		

Find Defined Terms in Legislation

1. On the Home page – select **All Legislation** and then click the **Advanced** link to the right of the search bar.



2. You can quickly find defined terms in any legislation using the **Legislation Advanced search template**. Scroll down to the **Define Terms** field and type in your search terms. If you are looking for a phrase, use quotation marks to search for the phrase not the individual words, e.g. **"Common area"**. Go the top of the page and click on the **Search** button next to the Global Search.



3. To find how a word or phrase is defined by jurisdiction, choose the **Jurisdiction** filter on the left of the results. Click + to expand and select the applicable **Jurisdiction** and click the **Apply** button.
4. The results show how the search term is defined from several different legislation titles. Click on the search terms to locate this reference in the legislation.
5. To email, save or print, use the **download** icon on the top right of the page and select from the options provided.

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Retail Shop Leases Act 1994 Qld

Queensland Legislation

Retail Shop Leases Act 1994

Part 3 Interpretation

...Meaning of common areas 6 Meaning of common areas (1) Common areas of a retail shopping centre are areas in or adjacent...

...the conduct of businesses in premises in the centre. (2) Common areas include— (a) stairways, escalators and elevators; and (b) malls and...

...and (f) information, entertainment, community and leisure facilities. (3) However, common areas do not include leased areas...

2. 6 Meaning of common area

Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008 Qld

Queensland Legislation

Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008

Part 2 Means of escape from buildings - (reg 5 - reg 13)

...of common area 6 Meaning of common area (1) A common area of a building means a part of a building that...

...hallway, corridor, passageway, landing, stairway or ramp (2) However, a common area of a building does not include a part of a...

3. 6 Meaning of common areas of a shopping centre

Retail Leases Act 2003 Vic

Victorian Legislation

How to set up a Favourite link to a frequently used Act

1. In the global search bar type the legislation title and click on the suggestion.

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Fair Work Act 2009 (CTH)

Fair Work Act 1994 (SA)

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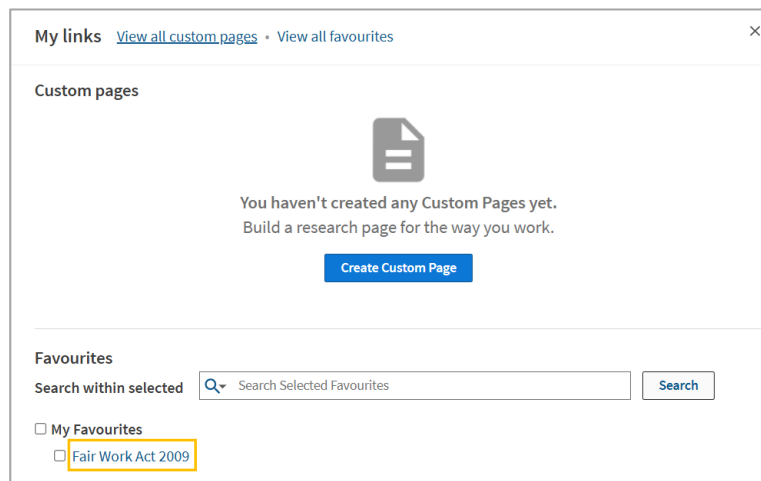
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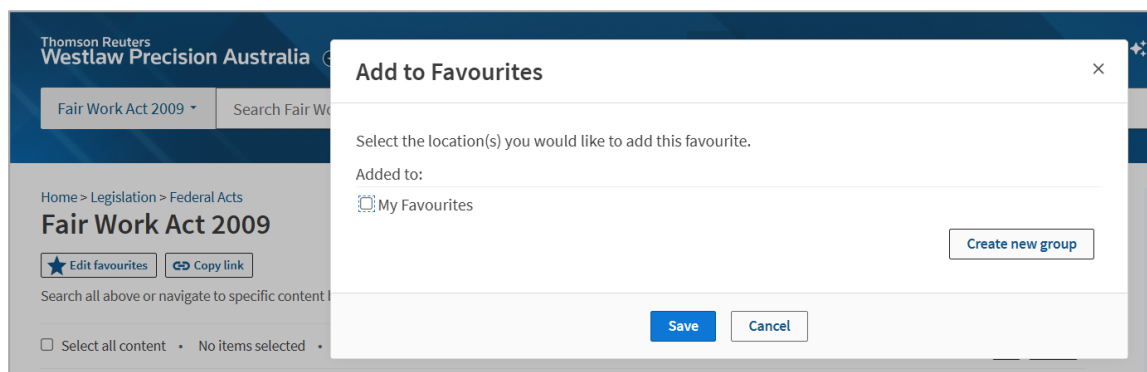
To use a Favourite

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Click on the favourite link to go to the page, click on the **Edit Favourites** button and **untick** My favourites and **Save**.



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