

Finding cases citing legislation

You can quickly find cases citing legislation or a provision using the legislation collection.

Cases citing legislative provision (section or rule)

1. In the global search bar type the legislation title followed by the provision number.
2. Click on the legislative suggestion, to go to the legislation text in the legislation collection.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw Australia search interface. The search bar contains the text 'corporations act 2001 180'. A dropdown menu is open, showing suggestions. The first suggestion is '180 Care and diligence—civil obligation only', which is highlighted. The second suggestion is '§ 180 Corporations Act 2001 - Cth'. The third suggestion is 'Legislation'. The fourth suggestion is 'Secondary Sources'. The fifth suggestion is 'Government & Regulatory Materials'. The search bar also has a 'Search Tips' button and a 'Sign out' button.

3. Click on the Citing References tab and select Cases.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw Australia page for the legislation '180 Care and diligence—civil obligation only'. The page is titled '180 Care and diligence—civil obligation only' and 'Corporations Act 2001 - Cth (Approx. 3 pages)'. The 'Citing References' tab is selected, showing 1,699 citing references. The page also includes a 'Table of Contents' and a 'Full Screen' button. The content area shows the text of the legislation, including the heading '180 Care and diligence—civil obligation only' and the section 'Care and diligence—directors and other officers'. The text states: '(1) A director or other officer of a corporation must exercise their powers and discharge their duties with the degree of care and diligence that a reasonable person would exercise if they: (a) were a director or officer of a corporation in the corporation's circumstances; and (b) occupied the office held by, and had the same responsibilities within the corporation as, the director or officer.'

4. To refine results to find cases considering a subsection, click in the Search within results, type the subsection details in quotation marks and press Search.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw Australia interface. A modal dialog titled "Search within results" is open. It contains a search bar with the text "180(1)" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar is a blue circle with the number "4". Below the search bar is a checkbox labeled "Look for terms in the same paragraph as the cited reference" with the text "(Neither an AND (&) nor a BUT NOT (%) connector may be used with this selection.)" below it. At the bottom of the dialog are "Search" and "Cancel" buttons. In the background, the main interface shows a search for "180 Care and diligence—civil obli" with results for "Citing References (1,69)". A sidebar on the left shows "Content types" with "Cases" (842) and "Legislation" (14). A red box highlights the "Search within results" search bar in the sidebar, with a red circle containing the number "4" next to it.

Cases citing a section of the Australian Consumer Law

Use the same process, but search using the Competition and Consumer Act 2010.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw Australia interface with a search for "competition and consumer act 2010 29". The search bar is highlighted with a red box. Below the search bar, a dropdown menu shows suggestions. The "Legislation" option is selected. The results list shows two items: "29 Commission to comply with directions of Minister and requirements of the Parliament" and "29 False or misleading representations about goods or services". The second item is highlighted with a red box. The interface also shows "NOCLIENTID", "History", and "Folders" in the top right corner.

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