

## 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 shows the Westlaw Australia interface. At the top, the search bar contains the text 'copyright infringement involving musical works' (labeled 1). To the right of the search bar is a magnifying glass icon (labeled 2). Below the search bar, the 'Overview (5)' section is visible. On the left-hand side, under 'Content types', the 'Cases' option is selected, showing 10,000 results (labeled 4). The main content area displays a case titled 'Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd v Escape Bar & Night Club Pty Ltd' (labeled 3). The case summary includes the 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 West Key Number Classifications related to copyright infringement, such as '45-1038 Infringement > Recording of musical works'.

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

The screenshot shows the Thomson Reuters Westlaw Australia Precision interface. The search bar at the top contains the text "copyright infringement involving musical works" (labeled 'a'). The filter sidebar on the left has a "Search within results" box (labeled 'b') and a "Jurisdiction" filter (labeled 'c'). The main results area shows a list of cases, including "1. EMI Songs Australia Pty Ltd v Larrikin Music Publishing Pty Ltd" and "2. Australasian Performing Right Association Ltd v Escape Bar & Night Club Pty Ltd".

## Looking for more information?

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