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## Got a Legal Studies assessment task?

Use LIAC's *Legal Studies Research Guide* to find resources, useful websites and offsite access to newspaper and legal journal articles through our databases.


### **Legal Studies Research Guide – [www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au)**

- Go to the **HSC Legal Studies** tab on the Find Legal Answers homepage

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### For Students & Teachers - HSC Legal Studies in NSW

The [Legal Information Access Centre](#) (LIAC) publishes the following resources to assist students and teachers to find reliable and useful information for HSC legal studies:



[Legal Studies Research Guide](#) (web)

- > organised by topic area
- > lists key print and web based resources
- > links to relevant legislation and key cases
- > provides strategies for finding useful articles and media reports
- > regularly updated



[LIAC Crime Library](#) (web)

- > includes over 50 case studies
- > provides links to court decisions
- > provides strategies for locating media reports
- > updated twice a year

### Legal Studies Research Guide

#### Higher School Certificate

- > [Human rights](#)
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- > [Family](#)
- > [Global environment](#)
- > [Indigenous peoples](#)
- > [Shelter](#)
- > [Technological change](#)
- > [Workplace](#)
- > [World order](#)

#### Preliminary

- > [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders](#)
- > [Migrants](#)
- > [People who are socioeconomically disadvantaged](#)
- > [People who have a mental illness or intellectual or physical disability](#)
- > [Women](#)

Under each focus area heading you'll find

- suggested texts
- databases with media reports – legal journal and newspaper articles
- key legislation
- useful websites
- links to cases
- under Crime you'll also find the *LIAC Crime Library* covering popular criminal cases and issues.

To access the media databases in the Research Guide you will need to [register for a State Library of NSW Readers Card](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/system/forms/selfreg.html) at <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/system/forms/selfreg.html>

## ***Hot Topics – a LIAC publication***

Our *Hot Topics* is a plain language series on topical issues, and includes tables, timelines, case studies and references to relevant legislation.

Recent *Hot Topics* include:

**Prisoners**  
**Human rights**  
**Children & families**  
**Australian legal system**  
**Terrorism**  
**Shelter**  
**Sentencing**  
**Bill of rights**



- Look for *Hot Topics* in your local library and the State Library.
- Some *Hot Topics* are available in full-text on the LIAC website. Click on the Hot Topics tab on [www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au) to view the online issues.

## **Issues online**

- › [Domestic violence \(issue 66\), 2008. \(PDF 1702kb\)](#)
- › [Australian legal system \(issue 60\), 2007. \(PDF 1967kb\)](#)
- › [Drugs and the law \(issue 59\), 2006. \(PDF 1499kb\)](#)
- › [Terrorism \(issue 58\), 2006. \(PDF 1519kb\)](#)
- › [Shelter \(issue 57\), 2006. \(PDF 1608kb\)](#)
- › [Sexual assault \(issue 56\), 2006. \(PDF 1531kb\)](#)
- › [Sentencing \(issue 55\), 2005. \(PDF 643kb\)](#)
- › [Bill of rights \(issue 54\), 2005. \(PDF 595kb\)](#)
- › [Same sex families \(issue 53\), 2005. \(PDF 552kb\)](#)
- › [Copyright \(issue 52\), 2005. \(PDF 556kb\)](#)
- › [Personal injury \(issue 51\), 2005. \(PDF 596kb\)](#)
- › [1998-2004 issues via AustLII](#)

## ***Legal Information Access Centre – in the State Library of NSW***

- Resources folders for each Legal Studies focus area are maintained and updated by library staff.
- *LIAC Crime Library* is a guide to criminal cases and available in print or downloadable at [www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/students\\_teachers/](http://www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/students_teachers/)
- Textbooks, and other resources covering focus areas are available in LIAC, and in the Supervised Use Area on LG1 of the State Library. See the Legal Studies Research Guide for some suggested texts.
- Infocus articles are available for copying in the State Library reading room
- If you need more resources search the State Library catalogue. You can search this from the Library's homepage <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/>

**Teachers can arrange visits to LIAC for Legal Studies student groups. Contact LIAC at [liac@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liac@sl.nsw.gov.au)**



## Searching *ANZ Newsstand* from home

*ProQuest ANZ Newsstand* contains full text articles from Australian and New Zealand newspapers.

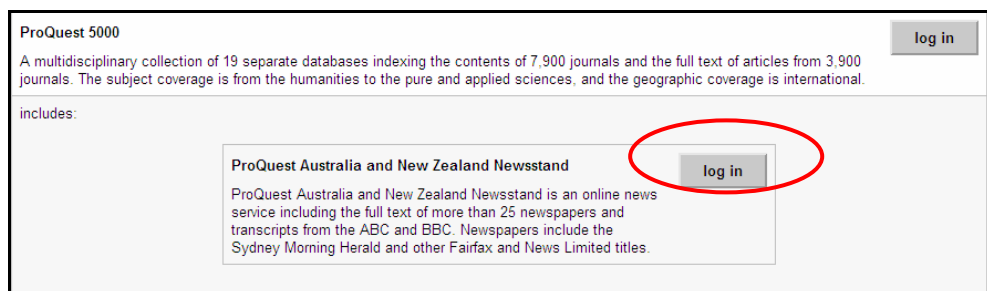
You will need to **register for a Readers Card** with the State Library of NSW to access this database.

### 1. Getting into ANZ Newsstand

- Go to <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au>
- From the homepage of the State Library's site click on [Access databases from home](#)



- Scroll down the list of databases to **ProQuest Australia and New Zealand Newsstand** and log in.



You will need to log in using your Readers Card number and password. If you have problems logging in read the **Access from home FAQ**.

## 2. Searching for newspapers articles

Type in your keywords using the connectors AND or OR. Use quotation marks for phrases or names eg “double jeopardy” or “sef gonzales”.

Each hit will look like this.

The screenshot shows a ProQuest document view page. At the top, there are tabs for 'Basic', 'Advanced', 'Publications', and 'My Research'. Below the tabs, it says 'Databases selected: ProQuest ANZ Newsstand'. The main heading is 'Document View' with a '<< Back to Results' link and 'Document 1 of 4 Next >' text. There are 'Print' and 'Email' buttons. The article title is 'NSW to end double jeopardy law' by Tom Iggulden, from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, dated Sep 6, 2006, page 1. There are links for 'Jump to full text', 'Translate document into', and 'More Like This'. At the bottom, there are links for 'People' and 'Author(s)'. Callout boxes provide instructions: 'To modify or start a new search click on **Basic**', 'Back to Results returns you to the list of headlines', and 'Click here to read the whole article'.

### Some searching tips

- You can limit your search by date choosing a specific date or a date range.
- You can select **More Search Options** on the Basic search screen. This will allow you to:
  - choose a particular source eg Sydney Morning Herald
  - sort your results by relevance.
- If you get too many results it's a good idea to limit your search by using the option **Look for terms in**. Choose **Citation and Abstract** from the drop-down menu as this will give you articles that deal primarily with your subject, rather than just mentioning it.

## 3. To print or email

Click on the print or email buttons. If you are emailing choose ProQuest Standard

The screenshot shows the 'Email Document' form. It has a 'Citation style' dropdown set to 'ProQuest Standard'. Under 'Format', there are three radio buttons: 'Brief citation -citation and link', 'Document Summary -citation, indexing, abstract, and link', and 'Full text -citation, indexing, abstract, full text, and link'. Under 'Send email as', there are two radio buttons: 'HTML (not supported by all email programs)' and 'Plain text (compatible with all email programs)'. There are input fields for 'Your name', 'Email address' (with a note '(enter a single email address)'), 'Subject', and a 'Message' text area. Callout boxes provide instructions: 'Don't forget to' followed by a list: 'click on Full text', 'choose format', and 'enter your email address'.

For further help with legal information ask at your local library, or contact the Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC) in the State Library of NSW on 02 9273 1558 or liac@sl.nsw.gov.au

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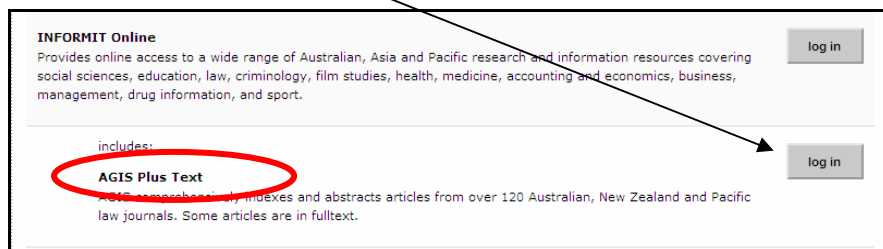
## Searching AGIS Plus Text from home

Journal articles are a good source of explanations and discussions of legal issues, cases and legislation. **AGIS Plus Text** contains many legal journal articles in full text.

You will need to **register for a Readers Card** with the State Library of NSW to access this database offsite.

### 1. Getting into AGIS Plus Text

- Go to <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au>
- Click on [Access databases from home](#)
- Log in to **AGIS Plus Text**



### 2. Searching for articles

- Enter your keywords or phrase in the **Search Query** box. You can use the Field pull-down menu if you wish, otherwise just put in all your key words using AND or OR.
- Click on **Full Text Records Only** to get articles in full text.
- Enter a **Date Range** if you want to limit your articles.
- Then click on [Search](#).

### 3. Results

Results are listed in date order with the most recent first.

Each entry will look similar to this.

The screenshot shows a search result entry for the article 'Drug driving among police detainees in Australia'. Callout boxes identify the following parts: 'TI: title of article' points to the title; 'AU: author of article' points to the authors 'ADAMS, Kerryn; Hind, Natalie; Smith, Lance'; 'SO: journal name, date and page numbers of article.' points to 'TRENDS AND ISSUES IN CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE; (357) June 2008: 1-6'. The entry also includes a 'Full Text PDF (2319kb)' link circled in red, and a 'Database: AGIS Plus Text' label.

TI: title of article

SO: journal name, date and page numbers of article.

AU: author of article

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AU: ADAMS, Kerryn; Hind, Natalie; Smith, Lance  
SO: TRENDS AND ISSUES IN CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE; (357) June 2008: 1-6

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In this example the article is called 'Drug driving among police detainees in Australia' by Kerryn Adams, Natalie Hind and Lance Smith. The article appears in the journal, *Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, Volume 357, June 2008, and goes from page 1 to page 6.

Click on **Complete Record** to see a summary of the article. You can click on any of the subjects (next to **SU** heading) of the article if you need to broaden your search.

The 'Complete Record' page provides detailed metadata for the article. It includes the title, authors, journal information, and a list of subjects (SU) such as 'DRUG CONTROL', 'MOTOR TRAFFIC LAW', and 'TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS'. The abstract (AB) is also provided, summarizing the research findings.

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JT: Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice  
IRF: 357  
PG: 1-6  
PD: June 2008  
PY: 2008  
SU: DRUG CONTROL; MOTOR TRAFFIC LAW; TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS  
JUR: AUSTRALIA  
ABI: Yes  
AB: Concern about the increasing prevalence of drug driving in Australia - results of research using data from the Drug Use Monitoring in Australia (DUMA) program which examined the prevalence of drug driving among a sample of police detainees - implications of results - need for the continued monitoring of the prevalence of drug and/or drunk driving and for monitoring - whether the ability of police to test for the presence of drugs has any deterrent effect.

### 4. How do I get the article?

Click on the **Full Text PDF** link to read the article directly online and print it out.

If there is no full text link provided, you will need to find a print version of the article in your library. Search the library catalogue for the **journal name**, not the article name.

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