



The Australasian Aviation Law Library



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The *Australasian Aviation Law Library* is a subject-specific library available on the Australasian Legal Information Institute (AustLII) under Libraries and on the Aviation Law Association of Australia & New Zealand's (ALAANZ) website. The library has been developed with funding assistance from ALAANZ.

The main purpose of the Library is to provide in one searchable location all of the aviation law-related resources on AustLII and NZLII – including legislation, cases, legal scholarship, law reform materials and treaties. In this way it is possible to do more precise searches for aviation materials using terms that are not specific to aviation law. A search can be over all databases, any combination of them, or over only one. The Library makes it easy for aviation practitioners to identify and use the wide range of aviation-related resources both on AustLII and NZLII.

Multiple aviation resources with a single search

The Library makes it possible to search a wide range of aviation resources with the same search, by choosing any of the following three search options. The best results can be obtained by using all options.

- **Databases** (default option) - The Library contains thousands of searchable items from the databases on AustLII and NZLII, including cases, legislation, law journal articles and treaties relating to aviation. The databases are a combination of existing specialised aviation law databases on AustLII (eg Aviation Briefs) and 'virtual databases' extracted from all of the data on AustLII (eg case law, legislation, treaties and other law journal articles). The method by which virtual databases are built is described below under 'How the Library Works'. The Library's virtual databases are updated daily.
- **Catalog & Websearch** – The Library includes a catalog of websites concerning aviation (located at the bottom of the Library home page). AustLII's web spider makes the full text of some of these websites searchable using AustLII's search engine.
- **Law on Google** – This option takes your AustLII search, converts it into a correctly formatted Google search, and adds to it terms which limit its scope to Australian and New Zealand materials concerning aviation (as determined by ALAANZ). The aim is to maximise the effectiveness of Google searches.

How the Library works

AustLII has created the methodology to develop subject libraries. First, any specialist aviation databases on AustLII are included in the Library. Second, where a 'virtual database' can be created by editorial selection, this is done. Third, a broad search is created with expert advice (here, from ALAANZ) to find all content within general databases that relate to aviation. Then that expert advice is again used to decide what percentage of the results of the broad search are sufficiently relevant to include in the 'virtual databases' in the Library (in this case, 25%).

These virtual databases are then automatically periodically updated using the same expert searches and percentage reductions. (For details see G.Greenleaf 'Subject libraries in free access law services' in Helmut Rießmann (Ed) *Festschrift für Gerhard Käfer*, pgs 75-94, Juris GmbH Saarbrücken, 2009)

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Comments and suggestions concerning additional databases for the Library, and suggested links for the Catalog, are welcome and can be sent to: suggestions@austlii.edu.au.

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Search: Databases Catalog & Websearch Law on Google

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Databases

Special Features

- [Aviation Law Association of Australia & New Zealand \(ALAANZ\) Aviation Briefs \(AustLII\)](#)

Case Law

- [Australian Commonwealth Cases Concerning Aviation Law Issues \(AustLII\)](#)
- [Australian State and Territory Cases Concerning Aviation Law Issues \(AustLII\)](#)
- [New Zealand Cases Concerning Aviation Law Issues \(NZLII\)](#)

Legislation

- [Australian Commonwealth Legislation Concerning Aviation Law Issues \(AustLII\)](#)
- [Australian State and Territory Legislation Concerning Aviation Law Issues \(AustLII\)](#)
- [New Zealand Legislation Concerning Aviation Law Issues \(NZLII\)](#)

Law Journals and Scholarship

- [Australian Legal Scholarship Concerning Aviation Law Issues \(AustLII\)](#)
- [New Zealand Legal Scholarship Concerning Aviation Law Issues \(NZLII\)](#)