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## Federal Discrimination Law textbook on AustLII

The President, The Hon. Catherine Branson QC, of the Human Rights Commission launched *Federal Discrimination Law* on AustLII, a comprehensive text on all aspects of the subject, at a seminar on 18 August in Sydney. This is one of the first textbooks on AustLII.

In partnership with the Commission, AustLII will be updating *Federal Discrimination Law* on AustLII. Recent changes to the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* were addressed at the seminar and are a result of the 2004 report of the Australian Productivity Commission's Review of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.

The speeches (audio recordings and papers) presented at the seminar can be found on the Commission's website and the *Federal Discrimination Law* is searchable on AustLII.

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## New structure - AustLII Foundation Limited

AustLII is in the process of changing its operating structure. Historically, AustLII grew from research grants which were used to develop its technology and databases. Today, AustLII is a significant enterprise with hundreds of free-access databases that need continual maintenance. The AustLII Foundation Limited has now been incorporated as a company limited by guarantee to maintain AustLII's Australian databases for free-access with revenue derived from the generous support of its

donors. The Foundation is a charity, thus enabling donors to receive tax deductions for their donations. The AustLII Research Institute continues to develop new initiatives both for AustLII and its international websites through grant funding. This hybrid funding model provides sustainability for the future.

## Most popular

The most popular case accessed on AustLII in the second quarter of 2009 is *Hopper and others v Virgin Blue Airlines Pty Ltd* [2006] QADT 9 (29 March 2006) Heard in the Anti-Discrimination Tribunal of Qld, with over 20,000 views on AustLII.

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## Did you know these search tips?

1. If you would like to find the cases that have referred to a particular section of legislation use the [Noteup] feature when you are in the relevant section of legislation.

2. For those documents "hot off the press" check [Recent Documents] to find documents that may not yet appear in your search results.

3. Use the sort 'By Database' tab to find the sources for your search results.



## Victoria - Toward the model jurisdiction for free access to the law online

AustLII users will soon see new Victorian content thanks to a three-year grant from the Victorian Legal Services Board.

### Victorian Legal Services Board

The peak regulator of the legal profession in Victoria.



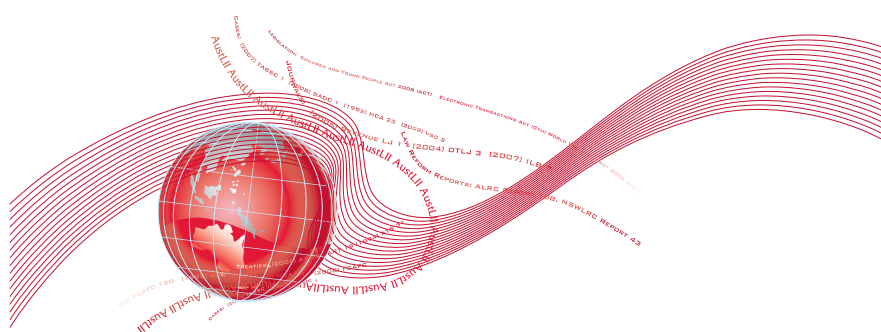
New Victorian databases recently uploaded to AustLII include:

- County Court decisions
- Magistrates Court decisions
- Ombudsman's Reports to Parliament
- Racing Appeals Tribunal
- Victorian Bills Research Resources

Victorian databases on AustLII to watch out for include:

- Judicial Scholarship
- Alert Digests (Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee)
- Consolidated Act reprints

Please contact AustLII if you have ideas for other content relating to Victoria that could be uploaded to AustLII.



## Featured donor

### National Justice CEOs Group

The **National Justice CEOs Group** from Attorney-General and Justice Departments throughout each State and Territory in Australia and the Commonwealth government are providing AustLII with \$200,000 in the 2009-2010 financial year for government usage of AustLII's services. AustLII gratefully acknowledges the governments' support.

AustLII aims to raise over \$1 million in donations in 2009 to continue to operate, update and improve its free-access databases.

If you or your organisation would like to donate to AustLII, please fill in our contribution form at:

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Donation enquiries can be directed to Annelies Moens, AustLII's External Relations Manager on +61 2 9514 4930 or [annelies@austlii.edu.au](mailto:annelies@austlii.edu.au).

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## AustLII training in Brisbane

The next AustLII one-day seminar on "Online legal research" will be held in Brisbane at Queensland University of Technology on 6 November 2009.

To register please visit:  
[www.austlii.edu.au/training](http://www.austlii.edu.au/training)

Training seminars have already been held in Perth, Canberra, Melbourne and Darwin in 2009.

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## AustLII – #1 website in the legal industry

Hitwise, an online competitive intelligence service, again awards AustLII with an Award for being the #1 website in the Business and Finance – Legal industry based on market share of Australian Internet sites visited during January-June 2009.

Hitwise Awards are based on the usage of approximately three million Australian Internet users who visit over 140,000 Australian websites.



## Introducing new staff at AustLII

Chris is a software developer with Intersect Australia Ltd and is seconded to AustLII. Chris has a Master of Applied Science in Library & Information Management from Charles Sturt University, and a Bsc (Hons) in Computer Science from the Polytechnic of Wales. He has over 15 years experience in commercial software design and development, and his responsibilities include working on the project to make Victoria the model jurisdiction for free access to the law online.



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