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FirstPoint Scope Document

What is FirstPoint?

FirstPoint is a case law research tool that integrates content from a number of Thomson Reuters leading case law research products, such as the Australian Digest and Australian Case Citator. You can use FirstPoint to:

- Research a particular area of law using FirstPoint's **unique classification scheme** and identify cases relevant to that area;
- Research the **litigation history** of a particular case and identify other cases which have considered your case;
- Read **case summaries** of key reported and unreported decisions – FirstPoint contains **all** the same case summary information found in the Australian Digest and the Australian Legal Monthly Digest (ALMD), all conveniently located in the one easy-to-search database.
- Conduct a **custom search** across a number of specialised search fields to identify particular information – for example, cases which consider a particular piece of **legislation** or judgments by a particular judge.

Coverage

FirstPoint is built from the **citator information** (litigation history and cases considered) contained in the Australian Case Citator, and **case summaries** from the Australian Digest and the ALMD. The coverage of these products (and hence of FirstPoint) is as follows:

Australian Case Citator – Citator information for Australian reported cases starting from 1825. Coverage of Australian unreported cases starts from September 1999.

Please refer to **Appendix A** (at the end of this document) for details of the report series included in the Australian Case Citator. Please refer to **Appendix B** for more detail on which unreported cases receive citator information on FirstPoint.

Australian Digest and ALMD – Classifications and case summaries for significant Australian reported cases starting from 1825. Classifications for unreported Australian judgments from September 1999 onwards, with summaries for key unreported judgments from September 1999 also.

Please refer to **Appendix A** for a list of report series included in the Australian Digest and the ALMD. Please refer to **Appendix B** for more detail on unreported case coverage.

FirstPoint is **updated each working day** with citator information derived from the latest case law and new summaries from key cases.

FirstPoint contains links to full text law reports and unreported judgments, as well as full text law reports in PDF format. Please note that separate subscriptions are required to access this content.

FirstPoint allows the researcher to search under the following categories:

Case Name	This field searches the title and full list of party names in the case.
Citation	Use this field to search for a case by year, volume, series and page number e.g. 175 CLR 1.
Year	This field narrows the search down to cases heard in a particular year or range of years.
Jurisdiction	Use this field to search by State or Territory e.g. New South Wales.
Court	Use this field to search by court e.g. Supreme Court of Victoria.
Judge Surname	Use this field to limit a search to cases heard by a particular judge/s.
Legislation Judicially Considered	Use this field to find cases that judicially consider a section of an Act.
Words & Phrases Judicially Considered	Use this field to find cases that judicially consider key words and phrases that arise in case law and legislation.
Case Digest	This field searches the case summaries.
Classification	This field searches for content by legal classification. For example, you can search for cases about penalties for environmental offences by typing "penalties" into the search box and specifying that the search be confined to the "Environment and planning" classification.
Case Updates	This field allows you to narrow your search down to cases which were recently added to FirstPoint. Note that the search will attract any record which was modified within the specified period and is not necessarily limited to new cases.

APPENDIX A

FirstPoint features Digest and Australian Case Citator content for the following Reports series:

§ Only Australian cases are digested from the English reports.

AAR	Administrative Appeals Reports (1989 -)
ABC	Australian Bankruptcy Cases (1928 - 1964)
ABC (NS)	Australian Bankruptcy Cases (New Series) (2004 -)
AC	English Law Reports, Appeal Cases (1891 -)
ACLC	Australian Company Law Cases (1982 -)
ACLR	Australian Company Law Reports (1974 - 1989)
A Crim R	Australian Criminal Reports (1979 -)
ACSR	Australian Corporations and Securities Reports (1990 -)
ACTLR	Australian Capital Territory Law Reports (2008 -)
ACTR	Australian Capital Territory Reports (1973 -)
AEGR	Australian Estate and Gift Duties Reporter (1971 - 1980)
AILR	Australian Industrial Law Review (1997 -)
AIPC	Australian Industrial and Intellectual Property Cases (1985 -)
AJR	Australian Jurist Reports (Victoria) (1870 - 1874)
AJR (NC)	Australian Jurist Reports (Notes of Cases) (1870 - 1874)
ALD	Administrative Law Decisions (1979 -)
ALJR	Australian Law Journal Reports (1927 -)
All ER	All England Law Reports (1936 -)
All ER Rep	All England Reports Reprints (1825 - 1936)
ALN	Australian Administrative Law Service (Notes) (1977 - 1986)
ALR	Australian Law Reports (1973 -)
ALR	Argus Law Reports (1895 - 1973)
ANZ ConvR	Australian and New Zealand Conveyancing Reports (1979 -)
ANZ Insurance Cases	Australian and New Zealand Insurance Cases (1979 -)
APA	Australian Planning Appeals (1982 - 1993)
App Cas	English Law Reports, Appeal Cases (1875 - 1890)
Argus (Newspr) (Vic)	Argus Reports (Newspaper) (1895 - 1959)
AR (NSW)	Arbitration Reports (New South Wales) (1902 -)
ARLR	Australian Resources Law Reports (2009 -)
ASAL	Australian Sales and Fair Trading Law Reporter (1997 -)
ASC	Australian Consumer Sales and Credit Law Cases (1978 -)
ASLC	Australian Securities Law Cases (1971 -)

ASTLR	Australian Succession and Trusts Law Reports (2009 -)
ATC	Australian Tax Cases (1969 -)
ATD	Australian Tax Decisions (1930 - 1942)
ATPR	Australian Trade Practices Reporter (1978 -)
ATR	Australian Tax Reports (1992 -)
Aust Torts Reports	Australian Torts Reports (1985 -)
BC (NSW)	New South Wales Bankruptcy Cases (1890 - 1899)
B & CR	Bankruptcy and Company Winding-up Reports (1918 - 1941)
Beav	Beavan's Reports, Rolls Court (1838 - 1866)
BFRA	Banking and Finance Reports of Australia (2003 -)
Bing	Bingham's Reports, CP (1822 - 1834)
BPR	Butterworth's Property Reports (1981 -)
BR	Broadcasting Reports (1979 -)
Build LR	Building Law Reports (1976 -)
CAR	Commonwealth Arbitration Reports (1905 -)
CB (NS)	Common Bench Reports (New Series) (1856 - 1865)
CCR (Vic)	County Court Reports (Victoria) (1966 - 1972)
Ch	English Law Reports, Chancery (1891 -)
Ch D	English Law Reports, Chancery Division (1875 - 1890)
CLR	Commonwealth Law Reports (1904 -)
Com LR	Commercial Law Reports (1981 - 1983)
CPD	English Law Reports, Common Pleas Division (1875 - 1880)
Cr App R	Criminal Appeal Reports (1908 -)
CTBR	Commonwealth Taxation Board of Review Decisions (1925 - 1950)
CTBR (NS)	Commonwealth Taxation Board of Review Decisions (New Series) (1967 - 1986)
CTTTR(NSW)	Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal Reports (NSW) (2008-)
DCLR (NSW)	District Court Law Reports (New South Wales) (2003 -)
DDCR	Dust Diseases and Compensation Reports (New South Wales) (2004 -)
ER	English Reports (1825 - 1865)
Ex D	Exchequer Division (1875 - 1880)
Fam LR	Family Law Reports (1977 -)
FCR	Federal Court Reports (1985 -)
FLC	Family Law Cases (1986 -)
FLR	Federal Law Reports (1961 -)

FSR	Fleet Street Reports (1975 -)
GLD	Gaming and Liquor Decisions (2009 -)
HL Cas	Clark's House of Lords Cases (1847 - 1866)
IPR	Intellectual Property Reports (1983 -)
IR	Industrial Reports (1982 -)
IRCR	Industrial Relations Court Reports (1994 -)
Ir R	Irish Reports (1894 -)
JP	Justice of the Peace Reports (UK) (1837 -)
Jur	Jurist Reports (1837 - 1854)
KB	English Law Reports, King's Bench (1901 - 1952)
LCC	Land Appeal Court Cases (New South Wales) (1890 - 1921)
Legge	Legge's Reports (1825 - 1862)
LGATR	Local Government Appeals Tribunal Reports (1972 - 1980)
LGERA	Local Government and Environmental Reports of Australia (1993 -)
LGR	Local Government Reports (1911 - 1956)
LGRA	Local Government Reports of Australia (- Vol 77)
LGR (NSW)	Local Government Reports (New South Wales) (1911 - 1956)
LJ Ch	Law Journal Reports, Chancery (1831 - 1846)
LJ PC	Law Journal Reports, Privy Council (1865 - 1946)
LI R	Lloyd's List Law Reports (- 1949)
Lloyd's Rep	Lloyd's List Law Reports (1950 -)
LRC	Law Reports of the Commonwealth (1985 - 1992)
LR Ch App	English Law Reports, Chancery Appeals (1865 - 1875)
LR CP	English Law Reports, Common Pleas Cases (1865 - 1875)
LR Eq	English Law Reports, Equity (1865 - 1875)
LR (NSW)	Law Reports (New South Wales) (1880 - 1900)
LR (NSW) B & P	Law Reports (New South Wales) Bankruptcy & Probate (1880 - 1900)
LR (NSW) D	Law Reports (New South Wales) Divorce (1880 - 1900)
LR (NSW) Eq	Law Reports (New South Wales) Equity (1880 - 1900)
LT	Law Times Reports (1859 - 1933)
LT(A)R	Land Titles (Australia) Reports (2008-)
LT (OS)	Law Times Reports (Old Series) (1843 - 1860)
LVR	Land and Valuation Court Reports (1922 - 1970)
Manson	Manson's Bankruptcy Cases (1894 - 1914)
MAR	Municipal Association Reports (1886 - 1911)
MLR	Australian Media Law Reporter (1993 -)

MVR	Motor Vehicle Reports (1984 -)
N & S	Nicholls & Stops Reports (Tasmania) (1897 - 1904)
NSWBLR	Building Licensing Reports (New South Wales) (1992 -)
NSWCCR	New South Wales Compensation Court Reports (1985 - 2004)
NSW ConvR	New South Wales Conveyancing Reports (1980 -)
NSWLR	New South Wales Law Reports (1880 -)
NSWR	New South Wales Reports (1960 - 1970)
NTRL	Northern Territory Law Reports (1973 -)
NTR	Northern Territory Reports
NZFLR	New Zealand Family Law Reports (1981 -)
NZLR	New Zealand Law Reports (1883 -)
P	English Law Reports, Probate, Divorce and Admiralty (1891 - 1971)
PDQR	Planning and Development Queensland Reports (2007-)
QAR	Queensland Administrative Reports (1994 -)
QB	Queen's Bench (1891 -)
QBD	English Law Reports, Queen's Bench Division (1875 - 1890)
QCLLR	Queensland Crown Lands Law Reports (1859 - 1973)
Q ConvR	Queensland Conveyancing Reports (1982 -)
QCR	Queensland Criminal Reports (1860 - 1907)
Qd R	Queensland Reports (1958 -)
QJPR	Queensland Justice of the Peace Reports (1907 - 1972)
QLCR	Queensland Land Court Reports (1974 -)
Qld Lawyer Reps	Queensland Lawyer Reports (1973 -)
QLR	Queensland Law Reporter (1902 - 1957; 1972 - 1976)
QPLR	Queensland Planning Law Reports (1981 -)
QSCR	Queensland Supreme Court Reports (1860 - 1881)
QSR	State Reports (Queensland) (1902 - 1957)
QWN	Queensland Weekly Notes (1908 - 1972)
R	The Reports (15 Vols, 1893 - 1895)
Res & Eq J	Reserved and Equity Judgments (New South Wales) (1845 -)
RJ	Judgments of the Supreme Court of New South Wales for the District of Port Phillip — a'Beckett J (1846 - 1851)
R & McG	Income Tax Decisions of Australasia, Ratcliffe & McGrath (1891 - 1927)
R & McG (1928-1930)	Income Tax Decisions of Australasia, Ratcliffe & McGrath (1928 - 1930)
R & McG Ct of Rev	Court of Review Decisions, Ratcliffe & McGrath (New South Wales)

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RPC	Reports of Patent Cases (1884 -)
RR	Revised Reports (1785 - 1866)
RTR	Road Traffic Reports (1970 -)
SAIR	South Australian Industrial Reports (1916 -)
SALCR	South Australian Licensing Court Reports (1967 - 1978)
SALR	South Australian Law Reports (1865 - 1892; 1899 - 1921)
SAPR	South Australian Planning Reports (1967 - 1981)
SASR	South Australian State Reports (1972 -)
SCR (NS) (NSW)	Supreme Court Reports (New South Wales) (New Series) (1878 - 1879)
SCR (NSW)	Supreme Court Reports (New South Wales) (1862 - 1876)
SCR (NSW) Eq	Supreme Court Reports (New South Wales) Equity (1862 - 1879)
SR (NSW)	State Reports (New South Wales) (1901 - 1970)
SR (NSW) B & P	State Reports (New South Wales) Bankruptcy & Probate (1901 - 1970)
SR (NSW) Eq	State Reports (New South Wales) Equity (1901 - 1970)
SR (WA)	State Reports (Western Australia) (1979 -)
STR(NSW)	Strata Titles Reports (NSW) (2007-)
Tarl	Tarleton Term Reports (New South Wales) (1881 - 1883)
Tas Bldg App R	Tasmanian Building Appeal Reports (1967 -)
Tas LR	Tasmanian Law Reports (1905 - 1940)
Tas R	Tasmanian Reports (1979 -)
Tas SR	Tasmanian State Reports (1941 - 1978)
TLR	Times Law Reports (1885-1952)
VAR	Victorian Administrative Reports (1988 -)
V ConvR	Victorian Conveyancing Reports (1982 -)
Vic ACR	Victorian Accident Compensation Reports (1985 -)
Vic WCR	Victorian Workers' Compensation Reports (1982 -)
VIR	Victorian Industrial Reports (1982 -)
VLR	Victorian Law Reports (1875 - 1956)
VLR (E)	Victorian Law Reports (Equity) (1875 - 1884)
VLR (IP & M)	Victorian Law Reports (Insolvency, Probate & Matrimonial) (1875 - 1884)
VLR (L)	Victorian Law Reports (Law) (1875 - 1884)
VLR (M)	Victorian Law Reports (Mining) (1875 - 1884)
VPA	Victorian Planning Appeal Decisions (1969 - 1982)

VR	Victorian Reports (1957 -)
VR (E)	Victorian Reports (Equity) (1869 - 1872)
VR (IE & M)	Victorian Reports (Insolvency, Ecclesiastical & Matrimonial) (1869 - 1872)
VR (L)	Victorian Reports (Law) (1869 - 1872)
WA Arb R	Western Australian Arbitration Reports (1901 - 1920)
WALR	West Australian Law Reports (1898 - 1959)
WAR	Western Australian Reports (1960 -)
WCATR	Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal Reports (South Australia) (1988 -)
WCBD (Vic)	Workers' Compensation Board Decisions (Victoria) (1938 -)
WCBD (WA)	Workers' Compensation Board Decisions (Western Australia) (1950 -)
WC & Ins Rep	Workmen's Compensation & Insurance Reports (England) (1912 - 1933)
WCR (NSW)	Workers' Compensation Reports (New South Wales) (1926 - 1980)
WCR (Q)	Workers' Compensation Reports (Queensland) (1916 - 1987)
WCR (Vic)	Workers' Compensation Reports (Victoria) (1982 - 1986)
WCR (WA)	Workers' Compensation Reports (Western Australia) (1982 - 1989)
WN	Weekly Notes (England) (1866 - 1952)
WN (NSW)	Weekly Notes (New South Wales) (1884 - 1970)
WR	Weekly Reporter (1853 - 1906)
W & W	Wyatt and Webb's Reports (Victorian) (1861 - 1863)
W & W (E)	Wyatt and Webb's Reports (Victorian) (Equity) (1861 - 1863)
W & W (IE & M)	Wyatt and Webb's Reports (Victorian) (Insolvency, Ecclesiastical & Matrimonial) (1861 - 1863)
W & W (L)	Wyatt and Webb's Reports (Victorian) (Law) (1861 - 1863)
WW & a'B	Wyatt, Webb and a'Beckett's Victorian Reports (1864 - 1869)
WW & a'B (E)	Wyatt, Webb and a'Beckett's Victorian Reports (Equity) (1864 - 1869)
WW & a'B (IE & M)	Wyatt, Webb and a'Beckett's Victorian Reports (Insolvency, Ecclesiastical & Matrimonial) (1864 - 1869)
WW & a'B (L)	Wyatt, Webb and a'Beckett's Victorian Reports (Law) (1864 - 1869)
WW & a'B (M)	Wyatt, Webb and a'Beckett's Victorian Reports (Mining) (1864 - 1869)

APPENDIX B

Courts and Tribunals covered by FirstPoint

FirstPoint contains classifications and citator information for both **reported** and **unreported** cases from courts on the following list. Key cases also receive a summary.

FirstPoint's coverage of **reported judgments** commences from 1825.

FirstPoint coverage of **unreported judgments** for all courts begins from September 1999, except for the Federal Magistrates Court which commences from July 2000.

FirstPoint also contains classifications and relationships information for selected Tribunal decisions and decisions from other bodies as set out below:

Commonwealth

- High Court of Australia
- Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia
- Federal Court of Australia (single judge)
- Federal Magistrates Court
- Federal Circuit Court

Plus selected decisions from the following:

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- Australian Broadcasting Tribunal
- Australian Competition Tribunal
- Australian Industrial Relations Commission
- Australian Patent Office
- Australian Takeovers Panel
- Australian Trademarks Office
- Family Court of Australia
- Fair Work Australia/Fair Work Commission
- Industrial Relations Court of Australia
- National Native Title Tribunal

New South Wales

- Supreme Court of New South Wales (Court of Appeal)
- Supreme Court of New South Wales (Court of Criminal Appeal)
- Supreme Court of New South Wales (single judge)
- New South Wales Land and Environment Court

Plus selected cases from the following:

- New South Wales Administrative Decisions Tribunal
- New South Wales Industrial Relations Commission
- New South Wales District Court
- New South Wales Local Court

- New South Wales Dust Diseases Tribunal

Queensland

- Supreme Court of Queensland (Court of Appeal)
- Supreme Court of Queensland (single judge)

Plus selected cases from the following:

- Queensland Planning and Environment Court
- Queensland District Court
- Queensland Industrial Relations Commission

South Australia

- Full Court of the Supreme Court of South Australia
- Supreme Court of South Australia (Court of Criminal Appeal)
- Supreme Court of South Australia (single judge)

Plus selected cases from the following:

- South Australian Environment and Resources Development Court
- South Australian District Court
- South Australian Industrial Relations Commission
- South Australian Equal Opportunity Tribunal

Tasmania

- Full Court of the Supreme Court of Tasmania
- Supreme Court of Tasmania (Court of Criminal Appeal)
- Supreme Court of Tasmania (single judge)

Plus selected cases from the following:

- Industrial Commission of Tasmania

Victoria

- Supreme Court of Victoria (Court of Appeal)
- Supreme Court of Victoria (single judge)

Plus selected cases from the following:

- Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal

Western Australia

- Full Court of the Supreme Court of Western Australia
- Supreme Court of Western Australia (Court of Criminal Appeal)
- Supreme Court of Western Australia (single judge)

Plus selected cases from the following:

- Family Court of Western Australia
- Industrial Relations Commission of Western Australia
- State Administrative Tribunal, Western Australia
- Western Australian Industrial Appeals Court
- Western Australian District Court
- Western Australian Mining Warden
- Western Australian Compensation Court
- Western Australian Medical Board
- Western Australian Liquor Licensing Court
- Western Australian Town Planning Appeals Tribunal

Australian Capital Territory

- Supreme Court of Australian Capital Territory (Court of Appeal)
- Supreme Court of Australian Capital Territory (single judge)

Plus selected decisions from:

- Australian Capital Territory Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Northern Territory

- Supreme Court of the Northern Territory (Court of Appeal)
- Supreme Court of the Northern Territory (Court of Criminal Appeal)
- Supreme Court of the Northern Territory (single judge)