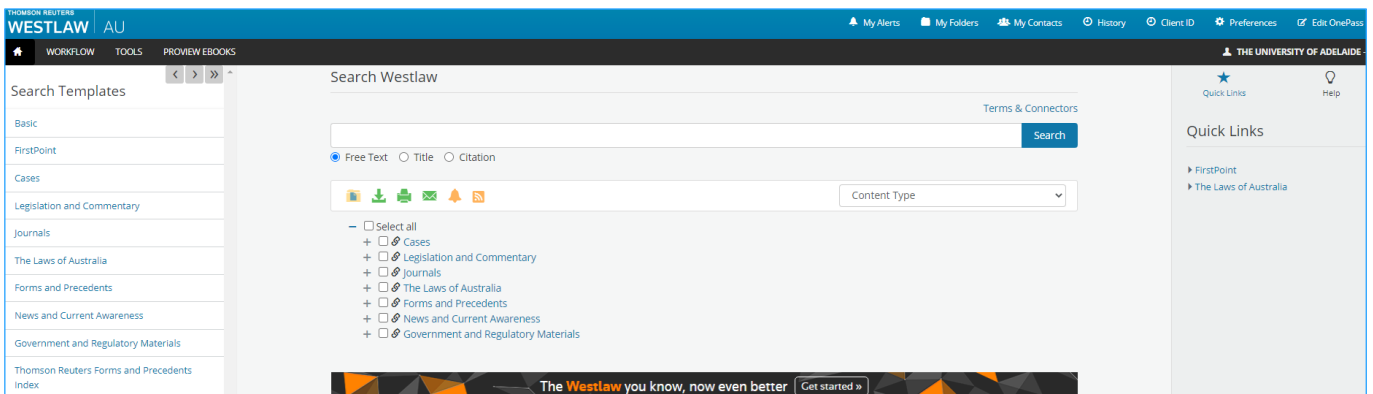


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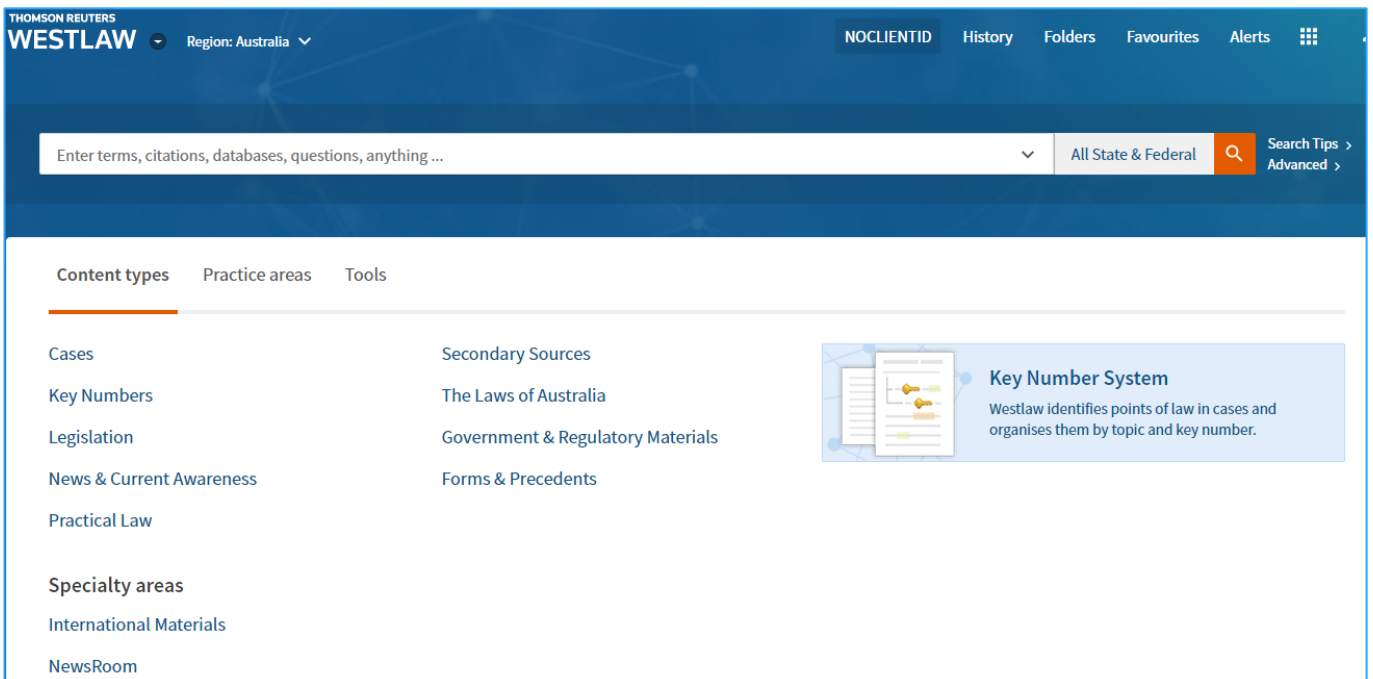
Westlaw AU is a legal research database providing access to case law (including the Australian authorised law report series) plus legislation, legal commentary, journals and more. Thomson Reuters have recently changed the look & feel of Westlaw AU, though **the content remains the same** with some additional resources. The University Library will changeover to the new platform on Monday 19th July 2021.

Changes

The Westlaw AU landing page used to look like this:



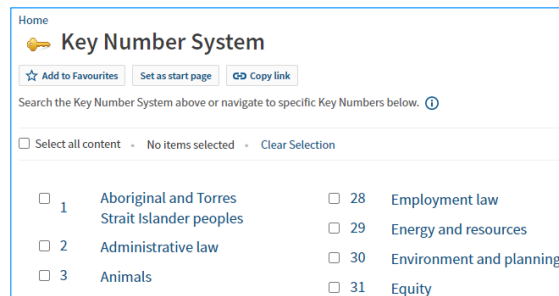
From Monday 19th July 2021 it will change to this:



It does look different but still the same content, just in a different layout.

Significant changes:

- **Key Numbers** is now used instead of **FirstPoint**. All the content is still there, you can search or browse by practice areas, select all content, or individual Key Numbers. The Key Number system identifies points of law in cases, organises by topic (using the FirstPoint headings)



- **Natural language:** type in questions as natural language in search bar and view specific results
- **KeyCite search in Cases:** search for a case, verifies if still good law & find citing references to support your legal argument. Displays Negative Treatment, still using Yellow/Red flags. Can visually see Direct History with a case map.
- **Legislation:** key new feature. Search and browse **current** legislation & Legislative Instruments by Federal/State/Territory. Find an Act (*Acts Interpretation Act 1901* (Cth)), see relevant section (s 15AB), will now link to Citing References: Cases, Legislation and Secondary Sources



Key changes:

- You will **Login to Thomson Reuters with a Single Sign On** – use University ID & password. This change will enable you to save material to your folders, bookmark favourites, add notes, highlight text, create alerts and more. Easier to share links with students and staff.
- **Cases:** continue to search and browse by jurisdiction and practice area
- **Advanced Search: Cases** is still available, have to click Advanced at the search bar
- **Cases:** within **All Cases by Series** - search for the Authorised Law Reports, Specialist Law Reports and Unreported Judgments
- **Secondary Sources:** you can click on this instead of separately working through journals, legislation and commentary and Laws of Australia. It is now defined as By Type: Commentary, Encyclopedia and Law Reviews & Journals
- **Journals:** do not currently display the Volume/Part number of each journal as before, but WLAU are changing back to this style in the new platform soon

Notes:

- **Copy Citation feature:** this is not AGLC4 compliant
- **Practical Law:** the University Library does not subscribe to this content, we are trying to remove this from the main page

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