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USING LAWLEX LEGISLATION
Access to full text, up-to-date
Australian legislation

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GETTING STARTED

The database is available at Hunter Libraries Online:

www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au/library/

1. Select **Databases and eBooks** from the libraries page
2. Select **Lawlex** from the list of databases
3. Click on **Sign In**
4. Enter the **login** and **password**
(Contact your local Hunter Institute Campus Library for the login & password)

USING LAWLEX

To find the title of an Act :

- Click on **Search Legislation** in the left hand menu
- Use the keyword box. E.g. *crimes, NSW, Act*
- Use **Document Type** to specify what type of act eg. Amendment (all are selected as the default)
- Choose a jurisdiction or state

To browse names of Acts:

Search Legislation >

The screenshot shows the Lawlex search interface. At the top, there are two tabs: "Search Legislation" (selected) and "Browse Legislation". Below the tabs is a header "Enter Search Criteria" with a link to "online help ?". The search criteria section includes: "Search Type" with radio buttons for "Title" (selected) and "Full-Text"; "Keywords" with a text input field; "Number" with a text input field; "Year From" with a text input field containing "0"; "Year To" with a text input field containing "2007"; "Jurisdiction" with checkboxes for ALL, ACT, COM, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, and WVA, all of which are checked. Below this is the "Extra Search Options" section, which includes: "Document Type" with checkboxes for ALL, Bill, Principal Act, Amending Act, Principal Regulation, and Amending Regulation, all checked; "Include" with a checkbox for "Repealed / Failed Legislation" which is unchecked; and "Results per page" with a dropdown menu set to "20 Matches". At the bottom right of the form is a red "SEARCH >" button.

- Click on Browse Legislation.
- Click on the act of your choice
- Scroll through the act or use the related information headings at the right hand side to find chapters etc.
- PRINT or SAVE the act by clicking on the icons at the top of the screen.

SEARCHING WITHIN AN ACT

Terms and phrases can be searched for in individual acts once the full text of the act has been displayed.

- Click on **Search Title** (at the top of the screen)
- Type in a word or phrase e.g in the *Crimes Act* search for "stalking" to find the section of the Act that deals with that offence.