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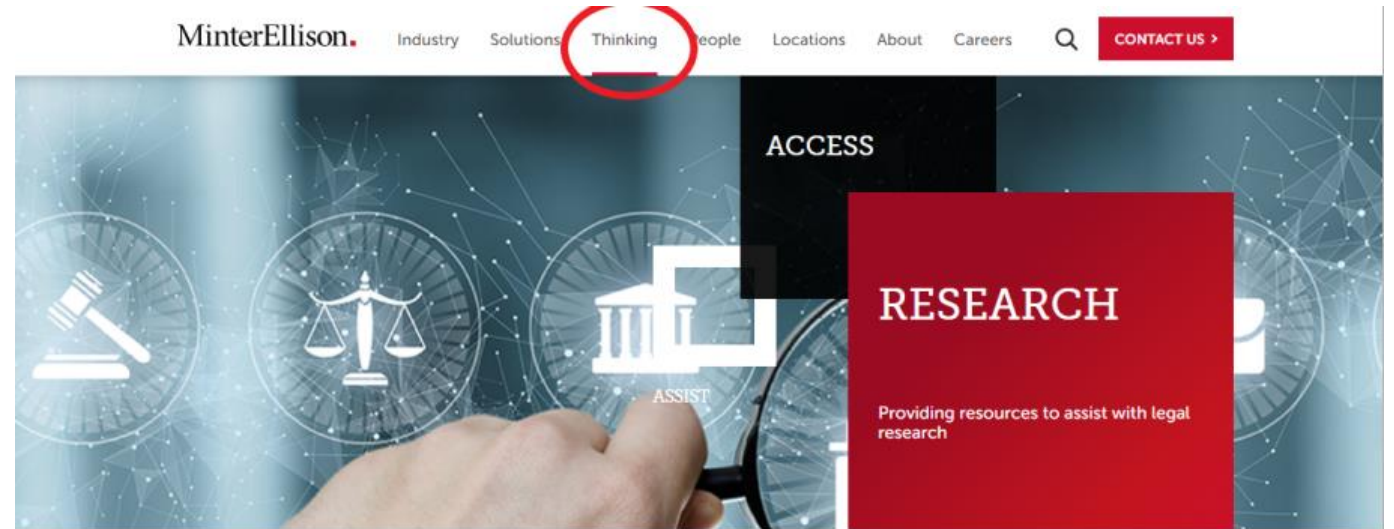
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Legal resources

Our Knowledge + Expertise team have curated a selection of legal resources that are free to access to assist you with your legal research. These cover Australian and international case law and legislation resources including federal and state government websites, free to access legal databases and more.

To keep you up to date with the most recent trends in Australian legal sectors you will find a number of resources relating to general legal research, legal commentary and links to regulatory bodies.

Case law ↓

Australian legislation ↓

Legislation: Lawlex

- Consistent search interface providing access to the latest online consolidation
- Covers all Australian jurisdictions
- Current and repealed legislation
- Access to historical versions
- Some links to EMs and second reading speeches
- Option to browse by subject area
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Legislation: Federal Register of Legislation

The screenshot displays the Federal Register of Legislation website for the Family Law Act 1975. The page is divided into several sections:

- Navigation:** Home, What's new, Constitution, Acts, Legislative instruments, Notifiable instruments, Gazettes.
- Act Details:** Family Law Act 1975, Act No. 53 of 1975, Administered by: Attorney-General's Social Services, Date of Assent: 12 Jun 1975.
- Unincorporated Amendments:** A section listing amendments that have not been incorporated into the Act, such as the Statute Law Amendment (Prescribed Forms and Other Updates) Act 2023.
- Compilations Table:** A table listing various compilations of the Act, including their registered dates, register IDs, compilation numbers, and start/end dates.

Title	Registered	RegisterId	Comp No.	Start Date	End Date	Incorporating Amendments Up To
Family Law Act 1975 Latest	17/Mar/2023	C2023C00056	95	01/Mar/2023		Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Act 2022
Family Law Act 1975 Superseded	28/Sep/2022	C2022C00260	94	28/Sep/2022	28/Feb/2023	Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Act 2022
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Family Law Act 1975 Superseded	10/Nov/2021	C2021C00520	91	01/Sep/2021	17/Feb/2022	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 2021
Family Law Act 1975 Superseded	02/Dec/2020	C2020C00374	90	27/Nov/2020	31/Aug/2021	Family Law Amendment (Risk Screening Protections) Act 2020
Family Law Act 1975 Superseded	08/May/2019	C2019C00182	89	25/Apr/2019	26/Nov/2020	Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Cross-examination of Parties) Act 2018

Check that you're using the latest version – the red tick indicates it's authorised

Click 'View Series' to see historical versions and to check for any unincorporated amendments

For historical versions, look at the start and end dates, not the date registered

Legislation: Queensland Legislation

- Ensure history notes are turned on to see amendments
- Legislation history link brings up full history notes
- Point in time versions – from 2014, there is the option to compare changes from one version to the next
- Status information indicates whether any amendments have commenced since the last consolidation

Queensland Government
Queensland Legislation

Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel

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State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999

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2 Commencement

3 Definitions

4 Objects

5 Act has limited application to children

6 Act binds State, Commonwealth and other States

Part 2 The State Penalties Enforcement Registry

7 The State Penalties Enforcement Registry

8 Functions of SPER

9 The SPER charter

9A Registrar

10 Staff and contractors

10A Service contractors

10B Service subcontractors

10C Delegation of prescribed functions

11 Management of office

12 Protection from liability

Part 3 Infringement notices

Division 1 Service of infringement notices

13 Service of infringement notices—generally

14 Service of infringement notices for infringement notices otherwise involving vehicles

Minister: Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment
Agency: Queensland Treasury

Minister: Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
Agency: Department of Justice and Attorney-General

State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999

Reprint current from 1 March 2023 to date (accessed 18 October 2023 at 10:33)

Point-in-time versions

Compares the 2 versions

Enter the exact version date, if required: 18/10/2023 Go

Queensland Coat of Arms

Case law: AustLII

- Best used for case law, legislation can be out of date (great for historical legislation and EMs)
- For cases under a section of an Act, browse to the Act, click on the section, then click on 'NoteUp'
- To further narrow results, add additional terms to the search box ('and disability')
- Option to sort by database or date

FAMILY LAW ACT 1975 - SECT 72 Right of spouse to maintenance

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Right of spouse to maintenance

(1) A party to a marriage is liable to maintain the other party, to the extent that the first-mentioned party is reasonably able to do so, if, and only if, that other party is unable to support herself or himself adequately whether:

(a) by reason of having the care and control of a child of the marriage who has not attained the age of 18 years;

(b) by reason of age or physical or mental incapacity for appropriate gainful employment; or

(c) for any other adequate reason;

having regard to any relevant matter referred to in subsection 75(2).

(2) The liability under subsection (1) of a bankrupt party to a marriage to maintain the other party may be satisfied, in whole or in part, by way of the transfer of vested bankruptcy property in relation to the bankrupt party if the court makes an order under this Part for the transfer.

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- For general case searching, if you're getting too many results, try the 'near' connector
- Adding 'near catchwords' to your search can be an effective way of refining – but only for courts that include the term 'catchwords'
- You can also use this technique for 'words and phrases'
- These searches will work in any search box, including the advanced search (under the drop down arrow)



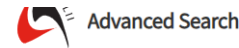
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Select your To date 1 Month 2017

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All AustLII Databases

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All Case Law Databases

Case law alerts: Jade

- Jade is another excellent case law database and particularly useful for monitoring case law
- Register for a free account
- Alerts can cover specific cases, general keywords or legislation

The screenshot displays the 'My Jade' alerts management page. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Jade Browser', 'Citor', 'My Jade', 'Panels', 'Feedback', and 'Help'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The left sidebar contains various menu items, with 'Alerts' highlighted. The main content area shows a 'New alert' section with a 'create a new alert' link, and an 'Existing alerts' section with a table of current alerts.

	Description	Name	Frequency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Collections: Queensland Legislation or Commonwealth Legislation	Test for all Cth & Qld legislation	Twice daily (
<input type="checkbox"/>	Text: "intervention with parental agreement"	Intervention with parental agreement	1 day

Google news alerts

- google.com.au/alerts
- Need to login with Gmail account or register
- Can just select news under sources or monitor all web results
- Some news articles will be behind a paywall

Alerts
Monitor the web for interesting new content

Q "watch houses" children qld X

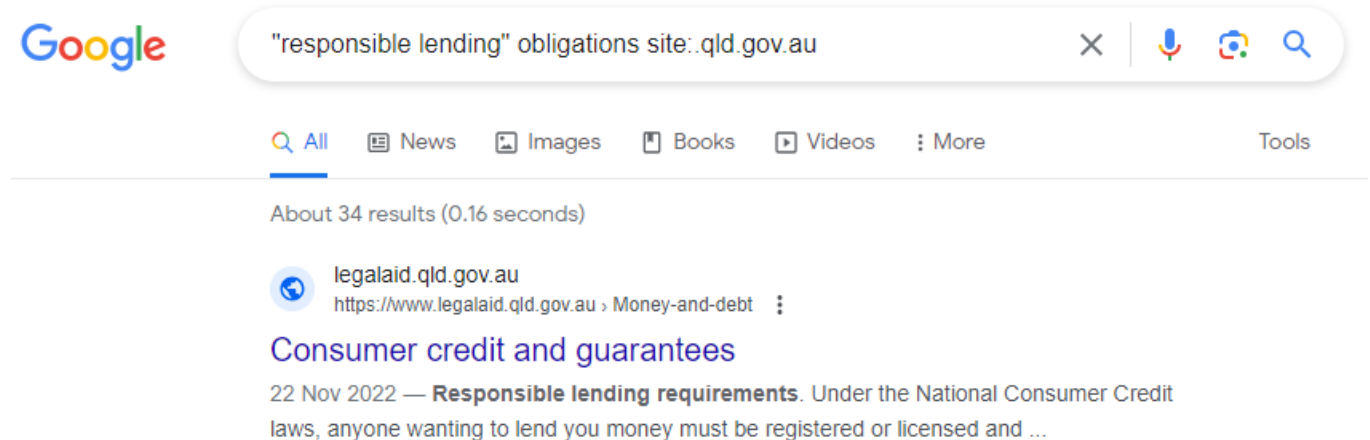
How often	At most once a day
Sources	Automatic
Language	English
Region	Any Region
How many	Only the best results

Google for commentary

- Google scholar is an option, but articles may be behind a paywall
- Refining by 'site:' can be effective, especially for websites that have no/poor search functionality
- Supreme Court Library: QLS members are entitled to up to 10 documents per day as well as up to 30min of free legal research
- Qld State Library membership can be useful for private research or study



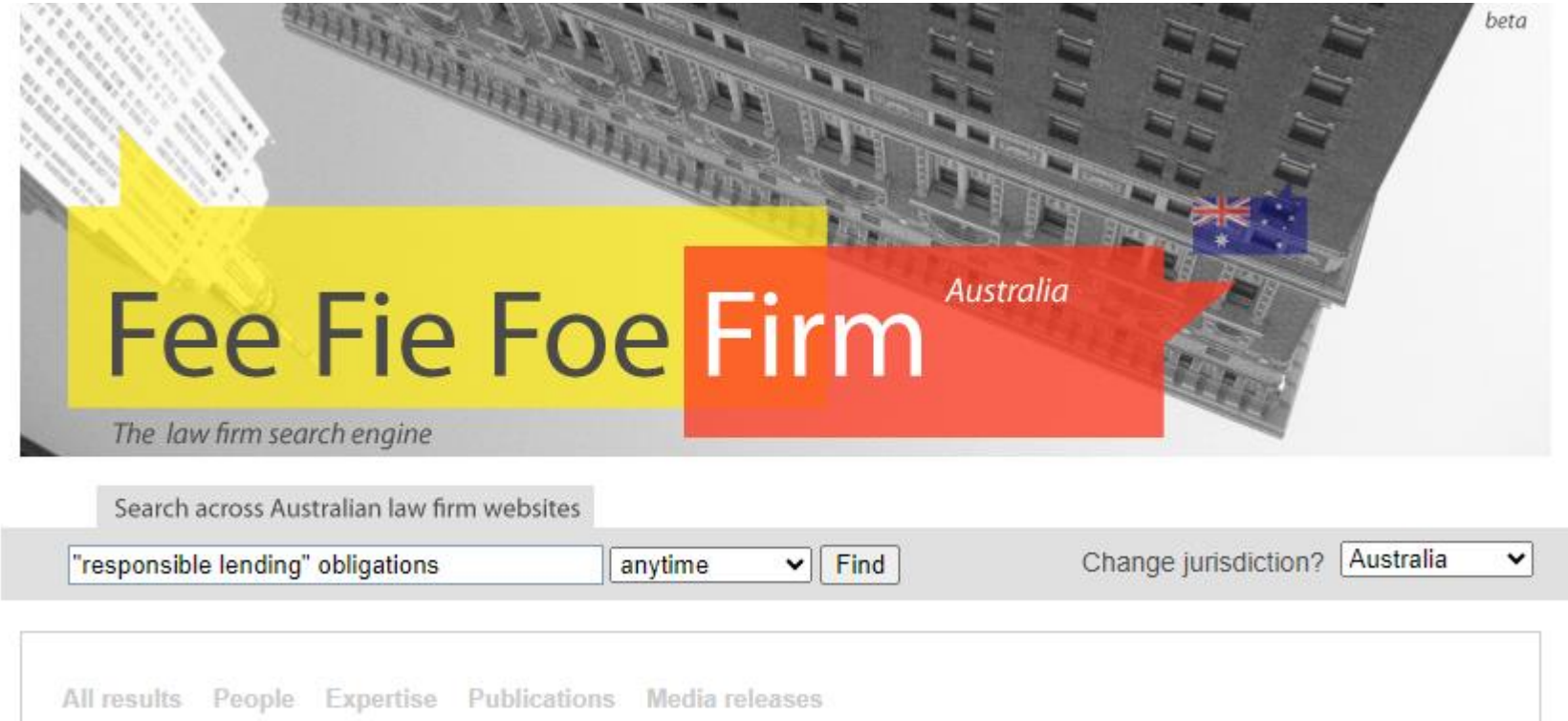
A screenshot of a Google search interface. The search bar contains the query "responsible lending" obligations site:.gov.au. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for All, News, Images, Books, Videos, and More. The search results show "About 10,700 results (0.20 seconds)". The first result is from asic.gov.au, titled "Responsible lending", with a snippet mentioning proposed reforms to the responsible lending obligations in Ch 3 of the National Credit Act. The second result is also from asic.gov.au, with a snippet mentioning regulatory resources.



A screenshot of a Google search interface. The search bar contains the query "responsible lending" obligations site:.qld.gov.au. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for All, News, Images, Books, Videos, and More. The search results show "About 34 results (0.16 seconds)". The first result is from legalaid.qld.gov.au, titled "Consumer credit and guarantees", with a snippet mentioning responsible lending requirements under the National Consumer Credit laws.

FeeFieFoeFirm

- feefiefoefirm.com/au
- Law firm/legal search engine (includes Legal Aid etc)
- Includes publications written by lawyers
- Particularly useful for recent commentary



The screenshot shows the homepage of the FeeFieFoeFirm Australia search engine. The background features a grayscale image of a modern building with a large Australian flag overlaid on it. The text "Fee Fie Foe Firm" is prominently displayed in a yellow and red banner, with "Australia" written in a smaller font to the right. Below the banner, the tagline "The law firm search engine" is visible. A search bar is located below the banner, containing the text "Search across Australian law firm websites". The search input field contains the query "responsible lending" obligations, followed by a dropdown menu set to "anytime" and a "Find" button. To the right of the search bar, there is a "Change jurisdiction?" dropdown menu set to "Australia". Below the search bar, there is a navigation menu with the following options: "All results", "People", "Expertise", "Publications", and "Media releases".

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Wayback Machine

- archive.org/web
- Can view web pages as they looked in the past
- Blue dots indicate dates 'crawled'
- Great for historical reports, policies etc
- No search capability, browse only
- Can be glitchy



Trove

- trove.nla.gov.au
- National Library database
- Includes archived Australian websites – select ‘Websites’ under Advanced search
- Searchable



All of these words

The phrase

Without these words

Include related terms Include
For example, a search for run, will also include results for runs and running]

Snapshot date From: To:

Limit by file type

Australian Government Web Archive Limit to the gov.au web domain

Limit by domain

clear

Search connectors

Connector	AustLII	Jade	Google
and	AND (caps)	AND (caps)	
or	OR (caps)	OR (caps)	OR (caps)
but not	NOT (caps)	NOT (caps)	- eg dog -cat
Within x words	w/n	w/n or /n	around(x) eg dog around(5) cat
Within sentence	near	w/s or /s	
Within paragraph	near	w/p or /p	
Phrase	“ ”	“ ”	“ ”

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