

What Makes LawNow so Unique?

LawNow is more than a current, accurate, easy-to-use legislation service. Each Act has a detailed Legislative and **Bill History**, with links to **Second Reading Speeches**, **Explanatory Memoranda** and Australia's largest collection of **Historical Versions**. Every Act now includes **Express Search**, links to your favourite sources – *CaseBase*, *Halsbury's*, *Unreported Judgments*, *Ritchie's*, *Ford* and more...

Features:

1. You can jump back to the **Home Page** at any time, to find another piece of legislation or switch jurisdictions.
2. Each **Currency** statement assures you each item is up to date.
3. **Subordinate Legislation** is quickly accessible from each enabling Act.
4. **Historical Versions** give you to the whole Act as in force on the date you need it. Select the version that matches your matter.
5. Click on the **List of Provisions** to access the text of the legislation. Or click the **Express Search** icon to find cases or commentary referring to the selected provision.
6. The **Legislative History** brings together relevant status information pertaining to each item:

Assent & Commencement Information:

Provides assent and commencement dates, gazette references, relevant authorities, provisions referred to and exceptions.

Uncommenced Provisions: Notes any provisions that remain uncommenced and the date of commencement, if known.

Laws Repealed or Amended: Lists laws repealed, or amended, by the Act.

Amendments to the Act: Includes links to the text of the amending provisions.

7. The **Government Website** link takes you directly to the official version to hand up in court, with just one click!

The screenshot displays the LawNow website interface for the DESIGNS ACT 2003. The page is annotated with red circles and numbers 1 through 9, corresponding to the features listed in the text. Callout 1 points to the 'LawNow Home Page' link. Callout 2 points to the 'Consolidated as in force on 27 March 2007 and remains current to the date of the last Governor General Gazette' text. Callout 3 points to the 'Subordinate Legislation' section. Callout 4 points to the 'Historical Versions' section. Callout 5 points to the 'List of provisions' section. Callout 6 points to the 'Legislative History' section. Callout 7 points to the 'Government Website' link. Callout 8 points to the 'Express Search' icon. Callout 9 points to the 'DESIGNS BILL 2002' section.

DESIGNS ACT 2003

Act No. 147, 2003

An Act relating to designs, and for related purposes

Consolidated as in force on 27 March 2007 and remains current to the date of the last Governor General Gazette.

For further information, please select from the following:

[List of Provisions](#) | [Legislative History](#) | [Historical Versions](#) | [Defined Terms](#)

Click the **Express Search** icon to search all subscribed cases and commentary for the selected provision.

Subordinate Legislation
Amending Subordinate Law from 1996 are listed in the principal Subordinate Law history.
[DESIGNS REGULATIONS 2004](#)

Historical Versions
2006
28/9/2006 to 26/3/2007
2003
17/12/2003 to 27/9/2006

List of provisions
Chapter 1—Introductory
Part 1—Preliminary
1 Short title
2 Commencement
3 Crown to be bound

Legislative History
The Bill
This Act was created by the [DESIGNS BILL 2002](#).

Assent Information

Assent Date	Gazette
17/12/2003	GN 1, 7/1/2004, p.9

Commencement Information

Start Date	Commencement		
	Authority	Provisions	Exclusions
Assent (17/12/2003)	Item 1 sec 2(1)	Sections 1 & 2 and anything in this Act not elsewhere covered by the table in Sec 2(1)	---
On the first day after the end of the period of 6 months beginning on the day of Royal Assent. (17/6/2004)	Sec 2(3)	Sections 3 - 161	---

NOTE 1: Item 2 Sec 2(1) provided for these provisions to commence at an earlier date by proclamation, however no proclamation was made before the default commencement date specified in Sec 2(3).

DESIGNS BILL 2002

Description of Bill
The purpose of this Bill is to introduce new designs legislation to replace the Designs Act 1906. The changes to the design system include a more streamlined registration system, better enforcement resolution procedures, stricter eligibility and infringement tests and clearer definitions.

This is a Government Bill.

Links to documents on Government Websites

Parliament of Australia
Explanatory Memorandum
Revised EM
Supplementary EM
Second Reading Speech

Progress in Parliament
(Listed in reverse chronological order)

House	Date	Description
---	17/12/2003	Assent (2003-147)
Senate	4/12/2003	Read a third time, passed all stages and awaiting assent

8. **Express Search** icons appear at title and provision level and within legislation text. Click the icon to automatically search your subscribed cases & commentary sources for relevant legislation references.

For the **broadest search** results, click on the Express Search icon beside the legislation title.

For a more **specific search**, click the Express Search icon beside the required provision.

The **Express Search** uses a smart segment search to find specific legislation references within cases and commentary sources; e.g.: **Designs Act 2003 w/s LEG-REF (6)**. To refine your search further, simply enter your search terms in the **Narrow Search** box.

Or

Click on **Edit Search** in the field.

Narrow search:

Next Steps

9. Each **Bill History** includes a description of the purpose of the Bill, its Parliamentary progress and links to the **text of the Bill**, the **Explanatory Memoranda** and **Second Reading Speeches**.

To access LawNow:

Log on to LexisNexis AU at: www.lexisnexis.com/au/legal

1. **Click** on the **Browse** link to the right of LawNow in the My Sources section of the Home Page. This will take you to the LawNow Home Page.

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis AU Home Page. The 'My Sources' section on the right contains a list of sources. A red dashed box highlights the following items:

- Unreported Judgments - All Jurisdictions Search | Browse
- LawNow Legislation - All Jurisdictions Search | Browse
- LawNow ACT Legislation Search | Browse

2. The **Home Page** for each jurisdiction provides various ways for you to locate legislation, and direct links to ASX Marketing & Listing Rules:

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis AU Commonwealth Legislation Home Page. It features a table with the following columns:

Acts	Subordinate Legislation	Progress of Bills	Other Jurisdictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Acts by Title Current Acts Repealed Acts Year & Number Assents Commencements Current Acts by Subject Keywords in Titles Defined Terms Historical Versions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Subleg by Title Current Subleg Repealed Subleg Year & Number Subleg Made Commencements Subleg by Subject Keywords in Titles Defined Terms Historical Versions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Current Bills by Title Government Bills Opposition & Private Member Bills Bills by Year & Title Last Sitting Day Results Bills Passed & Awaiting Assent Bills by Introduction Date Bills Terminated in 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACT - New South Wales - Northern Territory - Queensland - South Australia - Tasmania - Victoria - Western Australia

Below the table, there are links for ASX Listing Rules and ASX Market Rules.

3. Finding what you need:

Once you have the LawNow Home Page open, **Click** on the link you wish to search e.g. **All Acts by Title**. This will bring you to the page seen in the screen shot below:

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis AU Commonwealth Legislation page. The 'Acts By Title' section displays a list of acts:

- DAIRY ADJUSTMENT ACT 1974
- DAIRY ADJUSTMENT LEVY (CUSTOMS) ACT 2000
- DAIRY ADJUSTMENT LEVY (EXCISE) ACT 2000
- DAIRY ADJUSTMENT LEVY (GENERAL) ACT 2000
- DAIRY ADJUSTMENT LEVY TERMINATION ACT 2008

Choose the particular legislation you wish to browse and **Click** on it, e.g. **Designs Act**. This will take you directly to the Designs Act 2003, as seen below:

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis AU Designs Act 2003 page. The main content includes:

- Act No. 147, 2003
- An Act relating to designs, and for related purposes
- Consolidated as in force on 27 March 2007 and remains current to the date of the last Government Gazette.
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You can **Search** by scrolling down or **Clicking** on the **+** buttons in TOC