

Lawlex

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Lawlex contains:

- information about legislation and legislative instruments for all Australian jurisdictions
- information about extrinsic material such as Bills, Explanatory Memoranda and Second Reading speeches
- information about tracking the progress of Bills
- information about legislative amendments and commencement dates.

Use Lawlex to find:

- links to full text of all legislation and legislative instruments at government websites for all Australian jurisdictions
- Explanatory Memoranda and Second Reading Speeches related to legislation
- a Bill's progress through Parliament from First Reading to Assent.
- all amendments to legislation from about 1995, including those since last consolidation
- Regulations made under an Act
- repealed and failed legislation.

Tips:

- Enter keywords from the title of the legislation and select the jurisdiction if known.
- Select **Full-text** to search for legislation containing particular words or phrases
- Full text of all legislation links to the official government websites.
- Check the Document Status and currency date on the **Core Document Homepage** to ensure it is current.
- Legislation arranged by jurisdiction and subject area can be browsed using the **Browse Legislation** tab
- Lawlex Premium Research contains information about the History of Amendments to the Title, Commencement dates, Amendments since last Consolidation, and Regulations made under the Act.
- Repealed and Failed legislation may be searched for by selecting **Repealed and Failed Legislation** on the Search page

Look for similar information in:

- Official Government websites for Australian jurisdictions
- AustLII (Australasian Legal Information Institute)

Lawlex looks like this:

The screenshot shows the Lawlex website's search interface. At the top left is the Lawlex logo with the tagline 'AN SAI GLOBAL COMPANY'. To the right of the logo is a search bar with a 'Title' radio button selected and a 'Full-Text' radio button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links: Home, Profiles, Legislative Alerts & Premium Research, Regulatory Newsfeeds, SH&E Monitor, User Guides, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled 'Search Legislation >' and contains a search form. The form has two tabs: 'Search Legislation' (selected) and '> Browse Legislation'. Below the tabs is a section titled 'Enter Search Criteria' with an 'online help ?' link. The search criteria section includes: 'Search Type' with 'Title' selected and 'Full-Text' unselected; 'Keywords' with the text 'crimes act'; 'Number' with an empty field; 'Year From' with '0' and 'Year To' with '2008'; 'Jurisdiction' with checkboxes for ALL, ACT, COM, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC (checked), and WA; 'Extra Search Options' with 'Document Type' checkboxes for ALL (checked), Bill, Principal Act, Amending Act, Principal Regulation, and Amending Regulation; 'Include' with a checkbox for 'Repealed / Failed Legislation' (unchecked); and 'Results per page' set to '20 Matches'. A 'SEARCH >' button is at the bottom right of the form. On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar with several links: '> My Legislative Alerts', '> Search Legislation', '> Commencement Tables', '> Bill Tracking', and '> About Premium Research'. Below these links are four buttons: '> MY PROFILE', '> VIEW USER GUIDES', '> FREE TRIAL LAWLEX SERVICES', and '> MORE ABOUT SAI GLOBAL'.

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