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The 16 databases currently provided by the Project are shown below, together with the LII on which they are located, and the years of decisions or articles covered.

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 - [Federal Privacy Commissioner of Australia Complaint Determinations 2002-](#) (AustLII)
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 - [Western Australian Information Commissioner Decisions 1994-](#) (AustLII)
 - [EPIC Alert 1994-](#) (WorldLII)
 - [Privacy Law and Policy Reporter 1994-](#) (AustLII)

There are 8 **case law databases** from Australia, 3 from Canada, 2 from New Zealand and 1 from Ireland. Decisions from Hong Kong and South Korea are being added. There

are also the archives of two **journals** specializing in privacy (PLPR and Epic Alert), and a third (Privacy Laws & Business) is also being added. In addition a **Catalog of links** to hundreds of web sites dealing with privacy from most countries in the world can be browsed, and many of these websites can be browsed using WorldLII's search engine.

Search Features

Browse and Search Privacy Law Databases

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The search engine searches the full text of all decisions and uses Boolean and proximity operators. Search results are ranked in likely order of relevance to the search terms. Additional 'privacy limiting' search terms ("personal information or personal data or data protection") are added to all searches to ensure that only cases related to information privacy are found. This enables Project searches to then be repeated over all of WorldLII's 500 databases and still remain relevant to privacy. An extract from a search result is shown below (searching for "disclos* near (medical or health)").

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1. [EPIC Alert Volume 11.05 - \[2004\] EPICAlert 5 \(9 March 2004\)](#) [100%]
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2. [Tenants' Union of Queensland Inc and Tenants' Union of NSW Co-op Ltd v TICA Default Tenancy Control Pty Ltd \[2004\] PrivCmrACD 3 \(15 April 2004\)](#) [100%]
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It is also possible to limit searches just to cases or just to journal articles, or to materials from one region (Australasia, Asia or Europe).

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