TPP108

Smart Searching
Learning Outcomes

Break down an assignment topic

Find books in the Library Catalogue

Find scholarly journal articles

Evaluate and Cite information found
Is the Australian Marriage Act (1961), which defines marriage as the union between a man and a woman, discriminatory?

Consider this relative to same sex couples.

What is the main topic?
You will need to know

What is discrimination?

Does the Marriage Act (1961) discriminate against same sex couples?
If so, how?
Getting started

TPP108 Working within the Community

Getting Started

Before you begin searching for information, make sure you understand your topic and what you don’t know.

1. Write down what you already know about the topic and what you need to find out.
2. Find dictionaries, encyclopedias for an overview of your topic.
3. Find textbooks to broaden your knowledge of your topic and to identify keywords.
4. Find academic journal articles for detailed arguments about specific points.

Write down what you know and need to know

Find dictionaries and encyclopedias

Find textbooks

Find academic journal articles

Related Guides:
- Analyse your topic
- Build an effective search strategy
- Find scholarly journal articles
Advanced Search – Refine to Books

Enter search terms below.

- Any Field ▼ has all of these words: ▼ same sex marriage
- Any Field ▼ has this exact phrase: ▼
- Any Field ▼ has at least one of these words: ▼
- Any Field ▼ has none of these words: ▼

Search  Reset

Refine Your Search

- Additional Words
- Format
  - E-Book (76)
  - Book (28)
- Video - DVD (1)
- Publication Year
  - 2010 - 2019 (38)
  - 2000 - 2009 (62)
  - 1990 - 1999 (5)
- Location
  - Sippy Downs (29)
1. **Same-sex marriage: the cultural politics of love and law / Kathleen E. Hull.**

   - **Call Number:** HQ1033 .H85 2006
   - **Publisher:** Cambridge University Press
   - **Year:** 2006

   - 1 copy is available
     - Sippy Downs - General Collection (1 available)

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2. **Same-sex marriage: the personal and the political / Kathleen Lahey and Kevin Alderson.**

   - **Call Number:** HQ1033 .L34 2004
   - **Publisher:** Insomniac Press
   - **Year:** 2004

   - 1 copy is available
     - Sippy Downs - General Collection (1 available)

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3. **Philosophy of love, sex, and marriage: an introduction / Raja Halwani.**

   - **Call Number:** BD436 .H257 2010
   - **Publisher:** Routledge
   - **Year:** 2010

   - 1 copy is available
     - Sippy Downs - General Collection (1 available)

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Same-sex marriage: the cultural politics of love and law / Kathleen E. Hull.

Hull, Kathleen

Call Number
HQ1033 .H85 2006

Publication

Physical Description
xv, 277 p. ; 24 cm.
Is this book relevant?

Summary
Same-Sex Marriage: The Cultural Politics of Love and Law

Fierce and often ugly battles are being waged, especially in the United States, over who is allowed to marry, what marriage signifies, and where marriage is headed. Kathleen Hull examines these debates, and data from interviews with over seventy people in same-sex relationships, to explore the cultural practices surrounding same-sex marriage and the legal battle for recognition. Arguing that the cultural and legal dimensions of marriage are closely intertwined, she shows how same-sex couples use marriage-related cultural practices, such as public commitment rituals, to assert the reality of their commitments despite lack of legal recognition. Though many same-sex couples see the law of the state to hold a unique cultural power to legitimate their relationships and identities, Hull finds that their opponents equally look to the law to re-establish a social normalcy that excludes same-sex relationships. This is a timely look at a contentious issue.

Relevance

– scholarly
– cover the topic

Bias

– is there a clear bias
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Map

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Did you find new information?

Note-take:

Write down information found in each source

Which part of the assignment topic will it help you answer?
Do you need to find the legislation?

Australian Marriage Act 1961

Library website

Find databases by subject

- Arts and humanities
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Environmental sciences
- Health
- Law
- Physical and life sciences
- Psychology
- Research
  - Social science
- Sport sciences
- Newspapers, current affairs and statistics
- Bibliographic
- Databases for USC Alumni
Legal Databases

Specialist resources

**AustLII**
Australasian Information Institute (AustLII) provides access to legislation, journals, law reform, commission materials and unreported judgments in all Australian jurisdictions.

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**AGIS Plus Text**
The Australian Attorney-General Information Service (AGIS) provides access to legal research on Banking, Constitutional Law, Copyright, Criminal Law, Environmental Law, Family Law, Human Rights, International Law, Law and Legal Aid, Medical Law

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Collection of Australian legal databases. Includes CaseBase, (a case citator), Halsbury’s Laws of Australia (encyclopedia), case law, legislation, law reports, journals and subject commentaries.

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Definition of Marriage


What about:

Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cwlth)
Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld)
Anytime you take notes from a source, save the citation with it
Find journal articles in the DISCOVER (Advanced Search)

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Public Holidays: closed
One topic per line

Field searching

Boolean

“find a phrase”
truncat*
wildc?rd
Advanced Search Boolean and Boosters

**AND**
- find all of your keywords (main topics)
  - same-sex AND marriage AND policy AND Australia

**“phrase searching”**
- find an exact phrase
  - “affordable housing”

**OR**
- find any of your keywords (alternative words)
  - “asylum seekers” OR refugees

**truncation ***
- find different endings to a keyword
  - homeless*

**field searching**
- find keywords in a particular field
  - Abstract field, Subject field, Title field
DISCOVER – search for journal articles

Search Results: 1 - 20 of 213

1. The court hurts: A personal reflection on Commonwealth v ACT ('Same sex marriage case')
   Database: Informit Humanities & Social Sciences Collection
   Subjects: Same-sex marriage -- Law and legislation; Equality -- Social aspects; Judgments; Ethnology; Constitutional law -- Amendments; Commonwealth v Australian Capital Territory (case); Australia

2. The high court on same sex marriage.
   Database: Informit Humanities & Social Sciences Collection
   Subjects: Same-sex marriage -- Law and legislation; Marriage law; Common law marriage; Comparative law; Australia

3. The constitutionality of same-sex marriage
Evaluate each article

Authority
- who wrote it
- qualifications
- cited by others

Bias
- is there a clear bias
- sales pitch
- ethics

Currency
- publication date
- current info cited

Relevance
- scholarly
- cover the topic

Accuracy
- free of errors (grammar, spelling, factual)
- can facts be verified elsewhere
- correctly referenced
Homelessness

Is the issue of homelessness solely an issue of those living without adequate shelter?

Consider current definitions and understandings of homelessness.

What is the main topic?
Find books on Homelessness

1. **The homeless / editor: Justin Healey.**
   - Call Number: HV4493 .H65 2002
   - Publisher: Spinney Press,
   - Year: 2002
   - No available copies

2. **Children accompanying homeless clients 2002-03 : a report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.**
   - Call Number: HV4501 .A8 2004
   - Publisher: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare,
   - Year: 2004
   - 1 copy is available
     - Sippy Downs - General Collection (1 available)

3. **Youth homelessness : courage and hope / edited by Helen Sykes.**
   - Call Number: HV4630.A4 Y68 1993
   - Publisher: Melbourne University Press,
   - Year: 1993
   - 1 copy is available
     - Sippy Downs - General Collection (1 available)
What is homelessness?

Homelessness Australia:
DISCOVER – search for journal articles

Search Results: 1 - 20 of 949

1. **Housing risk** and the neoliberal discourse of responsibilisation in Victoria.
   - Subjects: Homeless; Housing; Policy Making; Political Liberalism
   - [Search for Full Text]

2. Meeting national information needs on homelessness: Partnerships in developing, collecting and reporting homelessness services statistics.
   - By: Neideck, Geoff; Siu, Penny; Waters, Alison. Statistical Journal of the IAOS. 2015, Vol. 31 Issue 2, p277-284. 8p. DOI: 10.3233/SII-150885., Database: MasterFILE Premier
   - Subjects: HOMELESSNESS; HOUSING -- Australia; NONGOVERNMENTAL organizations; PRIVATE sector; AUSTRALIAN Institute of Health & Welfare; HOMELESS persons -- Services for

3. Social partnerships addressing **affordable housing** and homelessness in Australia.
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Should Australia continue with its policy of offshore processing for refugees?
Are Australia’s policies of mandatory detention and offshore processing in the best interests of asylum seekers? Consider Australia’s obligations.

What is the main topic?
Find books on refugees & policy

Enter search terms below.

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Additional Words
Format
Book (84) E-Book (77) Video - DVD (10) Video - Online (5) E-Journal (2)
Publication Year
Location
Sippy Downs (95)

1. Borderline: Australia’s treatment of refugees and asylum seekers / Peter Mares.
   Mares, Peter.
   Call Number: JV9182 .M37 2001
   Publisher: UNSW Press,
   Year: 2001
   1 of the 2 copies is available
   Sippy Downs - General Collection (1 of 2 available)
   Select Record

2. On immigration and refugees / Michael Dummett.
   Dummett, Michael, 1925-
   Call Number: JV6271 .D86 2001
   Publisher: Routledge,
   Year: 2001
   1 copy is available
   Sippy Downs - General Collection (1 available)
   Select Record

3. The migration and settlement of refugees in Britain / Alice Bloch.
   Bloch, Alice, 1964-
   Call Number: JV7682 .B56 2002

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Search Results: 1 - 20 of 53

1. New Deterrence Scripts in Australia's Rejuvenated Offshore Detention Regime for Asylum Seekers.
   Subjects: BORDER security; POLITICAL asylum; POLITICAL refugees -- Legal status, laws, etc.; DETERRENCE (Administrative law); RIGHT of asylum -- Australia; DETENTION of persons -- Australia
   PDF Full Text

2. Voyages of the Damned.
   Subjects: POLITICAL refugees -- Legal status, laws, etc. -- Australia; BOAT people -- Government policy; DETENTION facilities; MARINE accidents; POLITICAL asylum
   PDF Full Text (3.1MB)
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Develop your research skills

How to... Guides

Develop your research skills
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- Build an effective search strategy
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- Evaluate sources and information
- Reference your sources

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