

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I read with great interest the articles on legal research in the last issue of *Australian Law Librarian*

We too have found in our contact with librarians, solicitors, barristers and students that legal research is not always taught as thoroughly as it might be. We must add that many of the law schools have excellent legal research courses which do the subject great justice.

Perhaps the reason lawyers today find legal research difficult is that legal research tools, by their very nature, appear less accessible and harder to use than say a book or looseleaf service. We realised way back that this was the case; this is why we produced our How-to use booklets and other user material for the Complete Legal Research System, including the Digest video.

Many of you will have responded to a short questionnaire we circulated earlier this year regarding this very topic. As a result, we have commissioned four new training videos for librarians to use. These will be on:

- 1 The *Australian Digest* 3rd Edition
- 2 *The Laws of Australia*
- 3 *The Australian Legal Monthly Digest & Australian Case Citator*
- 4 How to use the Folio CD-ROM services

The aim is to provide you, the librarian, with the tools you need to train your lawyers or students. We know the current *Digest* video has been useful to this end, but you can expect an even higher quality product this time (minus the cow!).

Subscribers to *The Laws of Australia* will shortly receive not only their consolidated tables and indexes but also a comprehensive how-to-use guide, complete with a worked example.

Please let me know if you would like further information on any of the above.

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