

## SPOTLIGHT

### *WEBLAW*

Weblaw is an electronic subject directory of Internet resources for Australian legal researchers. It is a co-operative project being developed by Australian law librarians to eliminate the duplication of time and effort required to create in-house subject directories. Participating organizations take responsibility for a subject area or areas and provide annotated links to quality assessed resources in this area. Each organization maintains their own legal subject guide page and makes links to the relevant Weblaw site.

Quality controls include the use of commonly agreed metadata based on international standards, and peer review. The sites are checked and updated each month.

The project has recently been awarded a Research Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities (REIF) grant for 2001. These funds will contribute to development of a database and search engine, and a Web Development Coordinator. The University of Queensland will be the 'home site' and administrator of the grant.

View it at:

[www.lawfoundation.net.au/links/weblaw.html](http://www.lawfoundation.net.au/links/weblaw.html)

Current participants and their selected subject areas are:

Adelaide University	Environmental law
AustLII	Banking & Finance Bankruptcy Citizenship & Migration Cyberspace Privacy law
Australian National University	International law
La Trobe University	Health law
Law Foundation of NSW	Family law
Murdoch University	Intellectual Property law Legal research
National Library of Australia	Media & Telecommunications law
Parliamentary Library (Cth)	Constitutional law
Queensland University of Technology/Griffith University	Administrative law
University of Melbourne	Australian Government Corporations law
University of Queensland	Alternative Dispute Resolution European Community Law Human Rights
University of Sydney	Industrial law Taxation law Women and the law
University of Western Australia	Law of the Sea Property law