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Launch of the Australian Electoral Law Library

Today marks the launch of the Australian Electoral Law Library, a free online database of primary and secondary materials on election law.

The Library includes digital copies of hundreds of court and tribunal decisions on electoral matters across Commonwealth, State and Territory jurisdictions. It also covers legislation and academic scholarship. The Library's coverage extends from the mid-19th century to the present day.

As electoral regulation gains in profile, the launch of the Library is an exciting development that will assist the work of electoral commissions, support academic research and make electoral law more accessible to the general public.

One of the Library's key objectives is to provide a central repository for electoral law decisions that, currently, tend to be scattered across multiple databases. Users can browse decisions across jurisdictions, court/tribunal and by date, and perform searches across the entire Library or subsets of it. The Library's contents are updated daily.

Potential future developments for the Library include the addition of decisions, law reform reports and other materials that are currently available only in hard copy.

The Australian Electoral Law Library is hosted by AustLII, Australia's most popular free access legal resource. It is the result of collaboration between AustLII, the Electoral Regulation Research Network (ERRN) and the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law at the University of New South Wales. The Library's development and ongoing maintenance is funded by the New South Wales Electoral Commission and the Victorian Electoral Commission.

The design and contents of the Library were overseen by its project manager, Dr Paul Kildea of UNSW Law, and developed following consultation with academics and practitioners in the field.

The launch of the Library will be marked at the ERRN Biennial Workshop in Adelaide on 14 November 2019.

The Australian Electoral Law Library is now available at <http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/special/electoral/>.

Questions and feedback on the Library are welcome and may be directed to Dr Paul Kildea (p.kildea@unsw.edu.au) or Associate Professor Philip Chung, Executive Director of AustLII (philip@austlii.edu.au).

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