Westlaw Australia’s case treatment flags

When researching case law, it is important to understand whether the case you have found is good authority. Cases that need further attention will have the following flags next to the case name:

- Cases - some negative treatment, but not reversed or overruled
- New Zealand Acts & Regulations - future amendments which have not yet come into force apply to the document
- Cases - no longer good for at least one point of law
- New Zealand Acts & Regulations - document is repealed, revoked, or expired, or has commenced amendments that have not yet been consolidated

Click on ‘Negative Treatment’ to learn more. Determine for yourself if the treatment of the case will impact your argument or not.

How has the case been discussed?

Westlaw connects you to discussion and analysis of your case in secondary sources such as journal articles, commentary services, and legal encyclopaedias.

1. Select ‘Citing References’
2. Select ‘Secondary Sources’
3. Identifies where the information is published
4. Narrow results to a specific publication eg. Laws of Australia (Legal Encyclopedia)

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