



Federal Court of Australia

Casetrack

A new case management system

Casetrack, the Federal Court of Australia's new case management system, commenced its rollout in December 2003. To date, Casetrack has been implemented in the Northern Territory, Tasmania, ACT, South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. It will be rolled out in Western Australia before the end of 2004.

The introduction of Casetrack has required the Court's file numbering system to change. For example, a Victorian matter has the prefix of VID ('V' represents the filing state and 'D' represents the Federal Court). A Northern Territory matter has the prefix of NTD (eg. The first Northern Territory matter filed in 2004 has the file number NTD1/2004). Matters filed prior to the introduction of Casetrack will only change their prefix (eg 'VG' will become 'VID').



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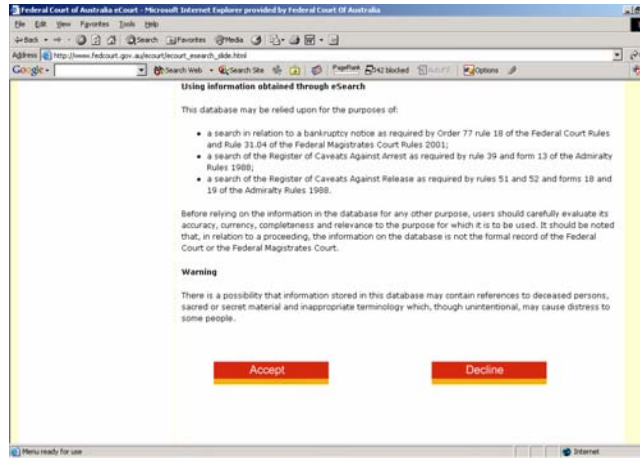
A key feature of the Casetrack system is the eSearch facility which allows searching of cases via the Internet. A search can be conducted and basic information provided about each matter. This includes dates that matters are listed and the text of orders, where available, that may have been made.

As the database is being continually updated, the results of a search may vary from time to time as new information is entered. Note: The site currently provides data for cases filed in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, ACT and Northern Territory. Case data for Western Australia will be added before the end of 2004.

Searching for matters

Go to the Federal Court's website – www.fedcourt.gov.au and click on eCourt which appears in the menu on the left side of the screen.

Select eSearch to launch the start page. If you agree with the terms and conditions, click on 'Accept' towards the bottom of the screen.



Searches may be undertaken by file number or name, or by matter type, either native title or bankruptcy matters. Searches may also be made of the caveat registers under the Admiralty Act.

If searching by file number, the whole file number, along with the Registry where it was filed, must be entered.

If searching by name, the whole name must be entered. If searching for part of a name or group, ensure 'Check for partial name' box has been ticked.

Tick if current or finalised or all cases are required.

eSearch will return a list of cases that match the criteria. Select a case from the list of results returned. eSearch provides the following information:

- P** a list of some of the parties to a matter
- L** the dates the matter is listed, along with the next list date
- O** Orders made (this will be a Word document and may be downloaded)

