Using LexisNexis and law databases

Use the Find Databases link accessed from the library website http://www.lib.uts.edu.au/

Look for Law, this lists various Law related databases, clicking on i will give information on each databases. Use these databases to find legal research material, cases, legislation and more.

Select LexisNexis Australia > defaults to the home screen, where you can search by case name if known, keywords, legislation, Journal article etc.

Click on the Cases tab at the top of the page. In the Search Terms box enter keyword/s related to your assignment. In this example we will use “disturbance”

In the Legislation judicially considered box, enter the name of the legislation, e.g The Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Compensation Act 1991 (remove brackets)

Select the first result to view the Case.

Scroll to the top of the page and select View the Casebase entry

View Roads & Traffic Authority (NSW) v McDonald

Review options
Catchwords, keywords you can use for further searching, digest is a summary.

Select Legislation considered by this case, this will list the relevant sections from the legislation. You can also view the Act by selecting it. e.g. s59

Reading the citation, in this example the citation is listed as (2010) 79 NSWLR 155, Year, Volume, Title and starting page. You will need to find out what the abbreviation means. Go to help > Abbreviations and look for NSWLR = New South Wales Law Reports.

Finding a Journal article, select Journal articles referring to this case. The reference for this looks like this (2012) 17(3) LGLJ 148, we will need to use the library catalogue to find this, cannot be searched by abbreviation. Using help > abbreviations > we find the title is Local Government Law Journal

Go to the library catalogue and search for this. It is available through Westlaw (another law database), look for Volume 17, Issue 3 page 148. Select pdf to see page range.