Alerts

Because you've got better things to do than check databases



What are alerts?

- A means of ensuring the latest info arrives in your inbox
- A means of staying up to date with multiple sites/databases without having to constantly visit them (except to set up the alert)



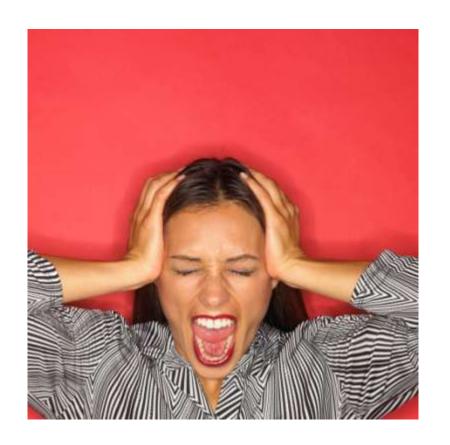
Who has an alerts service?

- Government websites
- Law commission
- Waikato's Library catalogue
- Some databases
- Google Scholar
- News sites
- Publisher websites

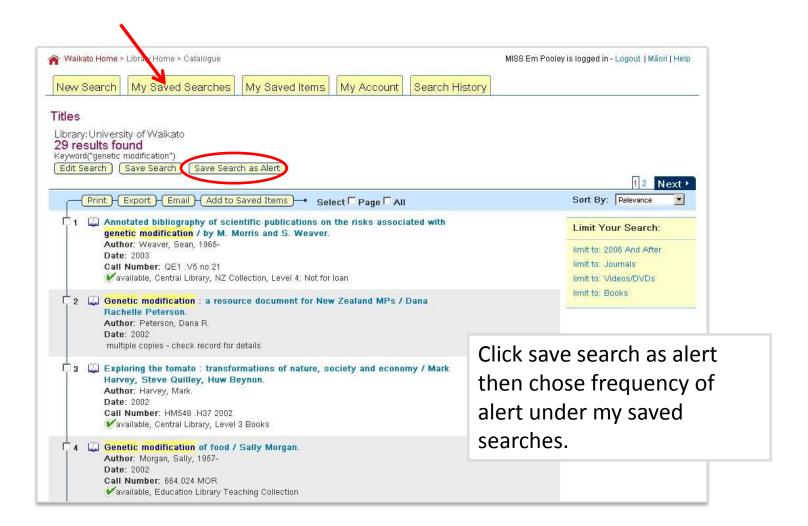


And who doesn't?

- Brookers
- LexisNexisNZ
- NZLII



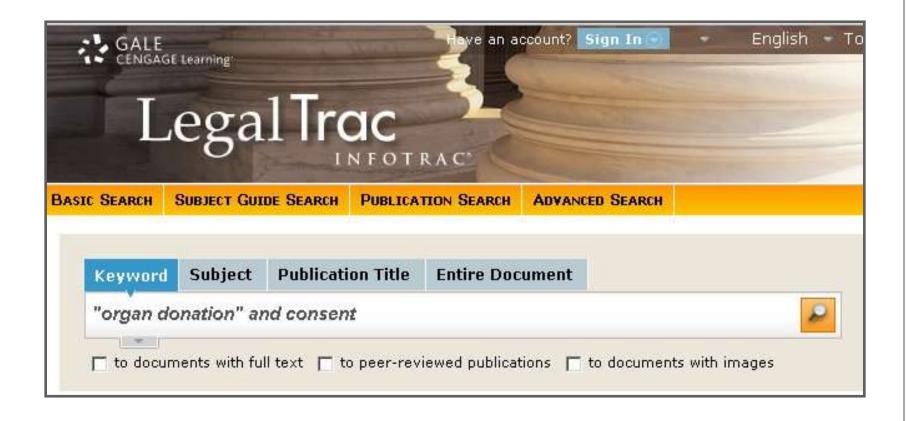
Library Catalogue



LegalTrac

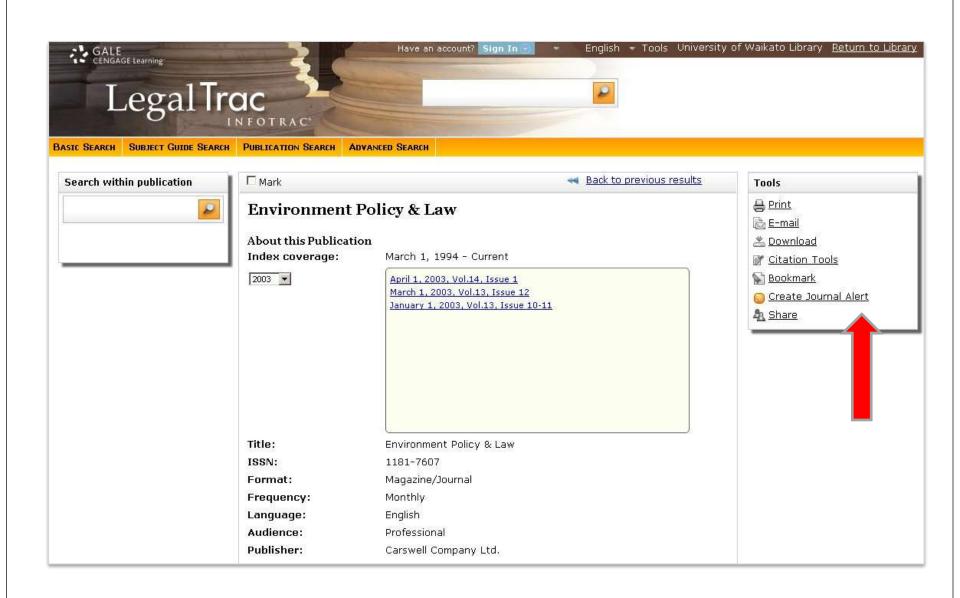
- You can create alerts for a particular journal or for a specific search across all of LegalTrac.
- This enables you both to discover what is being published in key journals as well as on your chosen area as a whole.







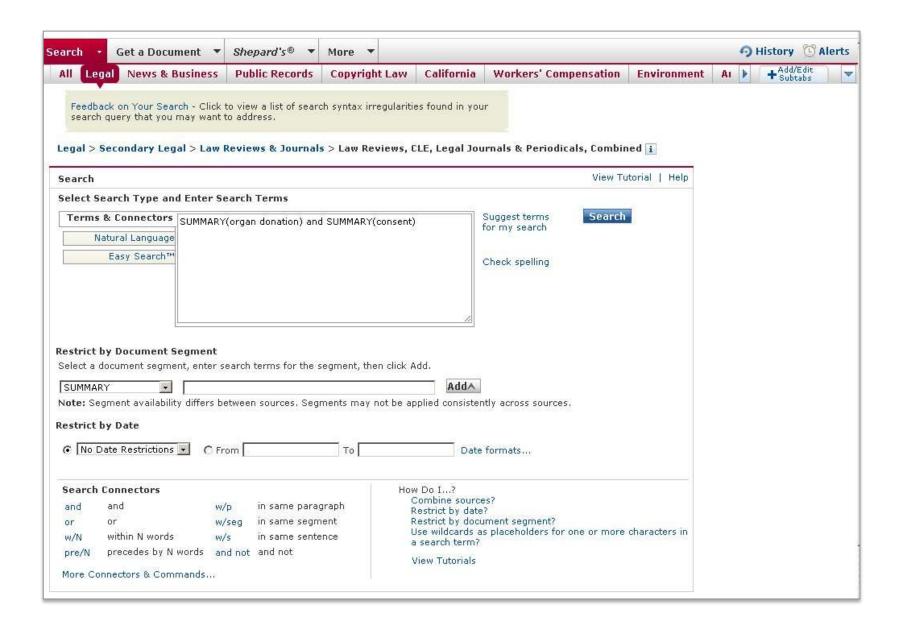


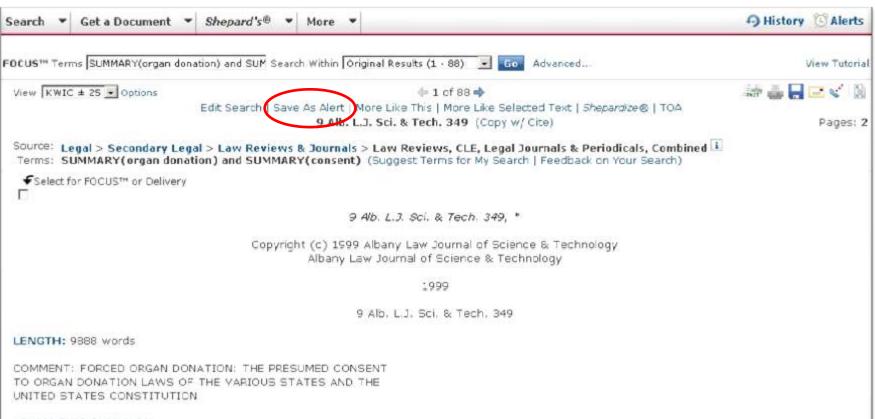


Lexis

- Do a search then once you are in your set of results click the "Save as alert" link
- Give it a name and choose when you want it run and then add your email address.

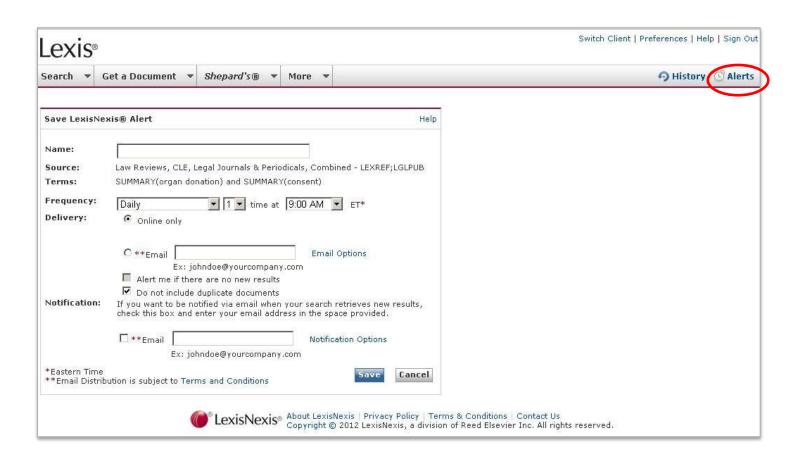






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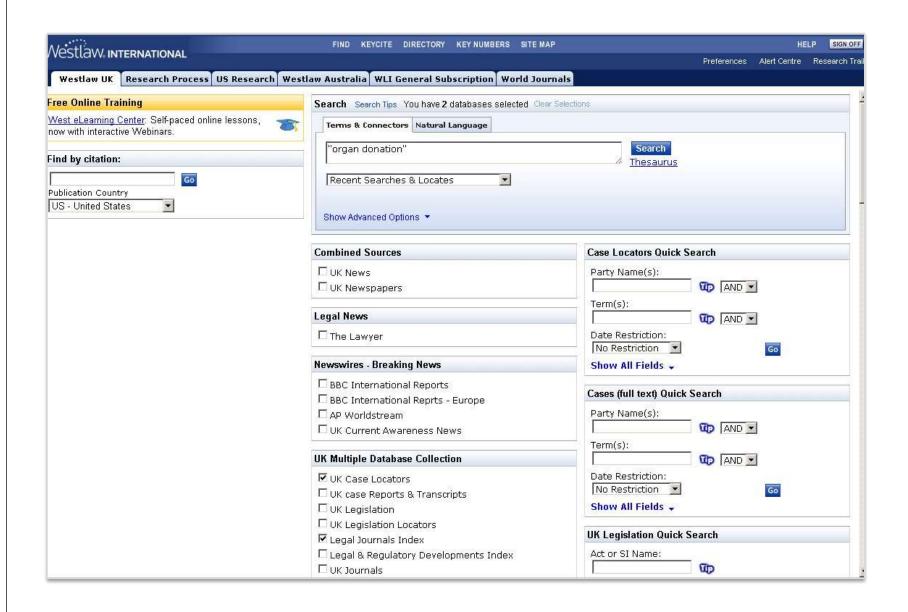
... However, the presumption can be defeated before death by the donor, or after death by surviving family members, who, by law, must be informed of their right to refuse **consent**.... These laws would presume **consent**, allow one's organs to be harvested after death, and bestow no rights upon either the deceased or family members to object to the invasion. ... Cases on the Issue of PresumedConsent The constitutionality of presumed **consent** laws in the United States has yet to be addressed by the Supreme Court. ... If a court finds that there is a property interest in the decedent's body, then removal of an organ from that body constitutes a deprivation. ... The only authority that medical professionals, coroners, and eye banks have to harvest organs is through some form of **organ donation** law, specifically presumed **consent** laws... As noted above, the presumed **consent** statutes are challenged as either threats to a constitutionally protected property interest or a liberty interest in personal autonomy. ... As a result, the presumed **consent** laws of the various states should be deemed unconstitutional, requiring the states to provide process before the wishes of family members are disregarded.

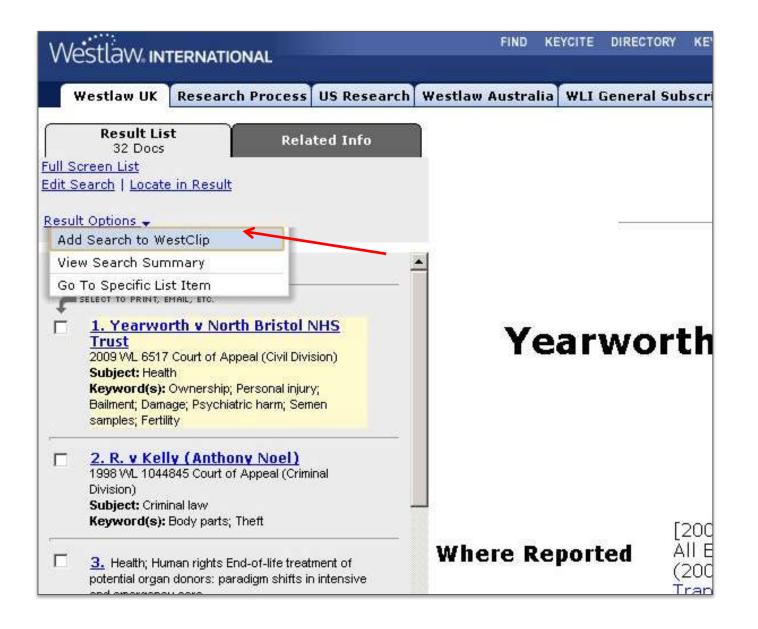


Westlaw

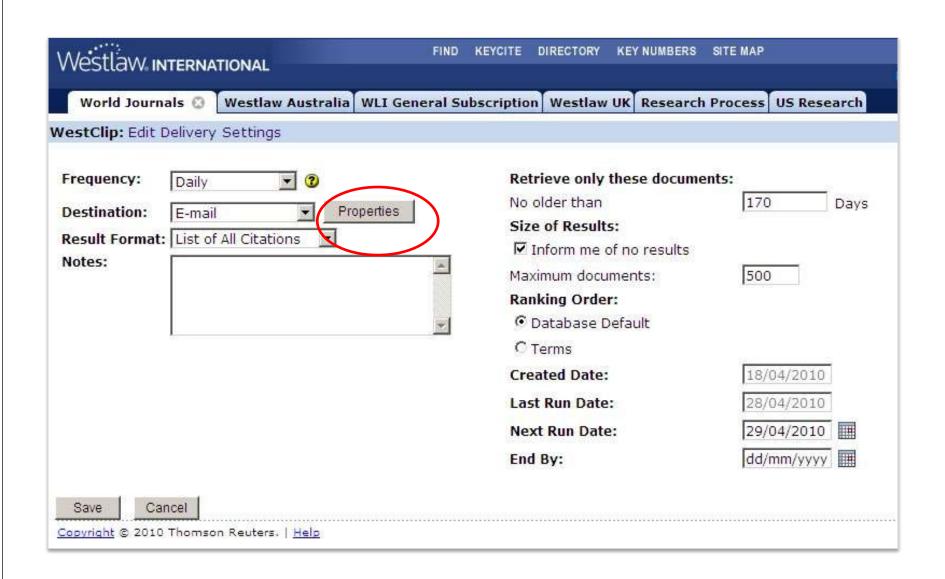
- You can either set up an alert from a specific search on Westlaw or you can set it up on its own
- If doing it from a search the database identifier fields are filled in, if doing it from scratch you will need to put these in yourself.











Google Alerts

- Log into your account and do your search on Google Scholar
- Click the email icon on the top right of the screen
- Put in your email address and how often you want the search to run





Other databases

- EBSCO and Proquest alerts function much like LegalTrac's. All three also allow you to set up Table of Contents alerts for journals you want to keep up on.
- EBSCO requires you to set up a "my EBSCO" account



- Alerts are only as good as the search you've set up.
- The international databases are more likely to offer alerts than the NZ ones.
- Once you have set up a search the information will come to you. You still have to read it though.

