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[*Aboriginal Affairs Victoria. Review of the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2007*](#)

The *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* ('the Act') commenced operation on 28 May 2007. The commencement of the Act proceeded as soon as practicable after the completion of the Regulations. This new legislation substantially changed the management and protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Victoria.

Given the substantial change to the legislation, it was accepted that a period of operation was required before some aspects of the Regulations could be reasonably evaluated. Firstly, the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) process had highlighted that the cost of the Regulations could only be accurately assessed after the Regulations