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**BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION AMENDMENT
REGULATION 2006 (No 1)**

SUBORDINATE LAW NO. SL2006-44

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Overview

The Birth, Deaths and Marriages Registration Amendment Regulation is made under the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1997* and amends the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Regulation 1998*.

The amendment is to include the Aboriginality of the deceased as an item of information to be provided by funeral directors when notification of a death is carried out.

Under the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1997* funeral directors are not penalised if information about a deceased person cannot be obtained. They merely have an obligation to use reasonable diligence to obtain the information and to provide it to the Registrar-General once it has been obtained.

The purpose in providing an Aboriginal indicator on death notification forms is to gain a better understanding of the death rate, the cause of death and age at death, to provide evidence for policy formulation.

Notes on clauses

Clause 1 — Name of regulation

This clause provides the name of the regulation.

Clause 2 — Commencement

This clause provides for the regulation to commence on the day after the day it is notified under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

Clause 3 — legislation amended

This clause explains that this regulation amends the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Regulation 1998*.

Clause 4 — new section 9

This clause inserts a new requirement to state whether the deceased was an Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander.