

7. Traditional use

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), in relation to a person of Aboriginal descent who usually lives subject to Aboriginal customary law, or in relation to any group of such persons, this Act shall not be construed —
 - (a) so as to take away or restrict any right or interest held or enjoyed in respect to any place or object to which this Act applies, in so far as that right or interest is exercised in a manner that has been approved by the Aboriginal possessor or custodian of that place or object and is not contrary to the usage sanctioned by the Aboriginal tradition relevant to that place or object; or
 - (b) so as to require any such person to disclose information or otherwise to act contrary to any prohibition of the relevant Aboriginal customary law or tradition.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) authorises any person, or group of persons, to dispose of or exercise any right or interest, or any purported right or interest, in a manner which is, in the opinion of the Minister, detrimental to the purposes of this Act.

[Section 7 amended by No. 24 of 1995 s. 8.]