

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) NO. 2 BILL 2016

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The *Criminal Procedure (Amendment) No. 2 Bill 2016* is a Bill for the *Criminal Procedure (Amendment) No. 2 Act 2016*.

EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES

Clause 1 provides that, once enacted, the short title of the Bill will be the *Criminal Procedure (Amendment) No. 2 Act 2016*.

Clause 2 sets out when the Bill's provisions will commence.

Clause 3 is the enabling provisions for the amendment of the *Criminal Procedure Act 1972*.

Clause 4 amends section 162 of the Act by substituting the current provision with a new clause that allows the Magistrate to transfer cases from the District Court to the Supreme Court. This differs significantly with the current practice of holding preliminary inquiries within the District Court.