

## REPUBLIC OF NAURU

### NAOERO CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL 2024

#### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The *Naoero Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2024* is a Bill for the *Naoero Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2024*.

This memorandum provides an explanation of the Bill and is only intended to indicate the general effect.

#### **EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES**

**Clause 1** provides that, once enacted, the short title of the Bill will be the *Naoero Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2024*.

**Clause 2** sets out that the commencement of the Bill once passed will be on the date it is certified by the Speaker.

**Clause 3** is the enabling provision for the amendment of the *Naoero Citizenship Act 2017* ('Act').

**Clause 4** amends Section 24. This clause deletes Section 24. Section 24 currently prohibits a naturalised citizen to re-marry after a divorce or on the death of his or her spouse. The provision provides that a person forfeits his or her citizenship after he or she re-marries following a divorce or death of his or her Nauruan spouse. The repealing of the provision will allow a naturalised citizen to re-marry. The difficulty that this repeal is addressing is in relation to the children of the naturalised citizen. Further, this also allows a naturalised citizen to lawfully marry a foreigner and that person can accompany him or her to Nauru. This will be on the ground that the foreigner will be a spouse of a naturalised citizen of Nauru.