

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The *Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2020* is a Bill for the *Electoral (Amendment) Act 2020*.

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 *Electoral (Amendment) Act 2020*.

Clause 2 sets out when the Bill's provisions will commence which is upon certification by the Speaker.

Clause 3 is the enabling provision for the amendment of the *Electoral Act 2016*

Clause 4 amends Section 41 of the Act by increasing the fee for voter transfers from \$150.00 to \$1,000.00. This is to give effect to the concerns of the Electoral Commission contained in the 2019 Parliamentary Election Report. It was found that in the 6 months prior to the close of the electoral roll, there were 1889 transfers. "*With 22% of the citizens transferring before the election, it is clear that the constituencies were over inflated by using the cultural criteria. This is a grave concern for the integrity of the electoral roll.*" [See Parliamentary Election Report page 7.]

This amendment is to ensure the integrity of the electoral roll is maintained and that only genuine transfers are made.