REPUBLIC OF NAURU

NAOERO NATIONAL ANTHEM EMBLEM AND FLAG PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Naoero National Anthem Emblem and Flag Protection (Amendment) Bill 2020 is a Bill for the Naoero National Anthem Emblem and Flag Protection (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 *Naoero National Anthem Emblem and Flag Protection (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 *Naoero National Anthem Emblem and Flag Protection Act 2018*.

Clause 4 amends Section 27 of the Act. This Section provides for the regulation making power of the Cabinet. This regulation making power is necessary to ensure that the procedural and administrative parts of the Act may be prescribed by the Cabinet if it is necessary. The regulations allow for the Schedules to be amended to ensure that the descriptions and depictions of the flag and the emblem are correctly recorded and contained in the written laws. It also allows the national anthem to be appropriately changed if necessary.

Clause 5 amends Schedule 2 of the Act by deleting and substituting the depiction of the emblem. This is to ensure the depiction of the emblem is accurate and that the correct version is used. The Bill contains the original depiction of the crest on the colours and design.