

REPUBLIC OF NAURU

NAOERO POSTAL SERVICES CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The *Naoero Postal Services Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2020* is a Bill for the *Naoero Postal Services Corporation (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 Postal Services Corporation (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 Postal Services Corporation Act 2018*.

Clause 4 amends Section 3 of the Act. This clause:

- deletes and substitutes the definition of '**post box**' which now is: includes any pillar box, wall box, parcel locker or any other box or receptacle provided by the Post Office for the purposes of providing postal services;
- amends the definition of '**postage stamp**' to include 'or Nauru' in the definition. This ensures that either Republic of Nauru or Nauru may be used on postage stamps printed for the country;
- inserts in alphabetical order '**postal service**' means transmission of any postal article by post and any system of collection, despatch, conveyance, handling and delivering of a postal article;

Clause 5 deletes and substitutes Section 5 of the Act. The functions of the Corporation are designed to meet the commercial objectives and financial independence of the Post Office. These services are incidental to or related to the delivery of postal services practiced internationally in this era which are largely attributed to developments in technology and delivery of articles within the nation and outside the nation.

Clause 6 deletes and substitutes Section 6 of the Act by clarifying the powers of the Corporation for the provision of its services.

Clause 7 deletes and substitutes Section 21 of the Act by ensuring that the Corporation has the exclusive right to print and issue postage stamps in and for the Republic.

Clause 8 deletes Section 23 of the Act.

Clause 9 deletes and substitutes Section 39 of the Act. The Act currently only makes it an offence to open or tamper with a post box. The amendment provides clarification that it is an offence to open, tamper or deface a post box or postal property.

Clause 10 inserts a new Section 40A which relates to the funds of the Corporation. This clause allows all monies payable to and received by the Corporation to be paid into an account approved for that purpose by the Cabinet.