

**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

**FAMILY COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The *Family Court (Amendment) Bill 2020* is a Bill for the *Family Court (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 *Family Court (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 *Family Court Act 1973*.

**Clause 4** amends Section 2 of the Act by deleting and substituting 'the Clerk' and its definition with 'Deputy Registrar' and definition. This amendment accurately reflects the position of the court officer in the Family Court.

**Clause 5** is a general amendment of the Act whereby '*Clerk*' is deleted and substituted with '*Deputy Registrar*'.