

REPUBLIC OF NAURU

NAURU COURT OF APPEAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The *Nauru Court of Appeal (Amendment) Bill 2020* is a Bill for the *Nauru Court of Appeal (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 *Nauru Court of Appeal (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 *Nauru Court of Appeal Act 2018*.

Clause 4 amends *Section 6* of the Act. *Section 6* is amended by adding 3 additional subclauses. The new subclauses are included to allow for the Court or a single Justice of Appeal to hear or make orders in a cause or matter from outside the Republic in exceptional or urgent circumstances. This amendment is made in anticipation of the difficulties which may be caused due to unforeseen circumstances such as Coronavirus (COVID-19).