

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The *Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Bill 2016* is a Bill for the *Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Act 2016*.

EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES

Clause 1 provides that, once enacted, the short title of the Bill will be the *Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Act 2016*.

Clause 2 sets out when the Bill's provisions will commence.

Clause 3 is the enabling provisions for the amendment of the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Act 1957*.

Clause 4 inserts a new section 27A. The new section makes a clear statement about marriage only being between a man and a woman. This amendment ensures that no persons of the same gender are able to get married in Nauru.