

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

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honorable Baron Divavesi Waqa MP

9th June 2016

Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the pleasure of introducing to the House today a Bill for the *Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) Act 2016*.

This amendment, although minor, is no less important than other Bills tabled today. Nauru is a nation that prides itself on maintaining a strong foundation in culture and the church. This amendment protects the sanctity of marriage by ensuring that marriage in Nauru may only be solemnized between a man and a woman.

Mr. Speaker, the explanatory memorandum explains this Bill in more detail.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Bill to the House.