

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
CIVIL AVIATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable Martin Hunt, MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I introduce to the House today the *Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill 2021*.

Mr Speaker, the *Civil Aviation Act 2011* currently provides for the Cabinet to grant a landing permit to an aircraft that wishes to land in Nauru.

This Bill amends Section 73(2)(d) of the *Civil Aviation Act 2011*. The existing provision requires the prior approval of the Cabinet before an aircraft may land in Nauru. This requirement is administratively cumbersome and has the potential also of compromising emergency landings. The amendment will streamline the process by allowing the Minister for Transport or any other Minister responsible for the Act to exercise such powers. The proposed amendment also gives absolute discretion to the Minister to refer any request for landing to the Cabinet. It is anticipated that the Minister may bring to the attention of the Cabinet of the authorisation he or she has given for landing of an aircraft, to the Cabinet on a regular basis, for information only.

Mr Speaker, the explanatory memorandum details the provisions of the Bill. Sir, I request that the explanatory memorandum be read and recorded in the Hansard Reports.

Mr Speaker I commend this Bill to the House.