

REPUBLIC OF NAURU

NAOERO ROADS BILL 2017

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable Tawaki Kam, MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I am pleased to introduce to the House today a Bill to address a gap in our current laws relating to our public roads.

There have been one too many incidents of people damaging the public roads or sidewalks for no good reason. This creates not only unnecessary expense, but also inconvenience to other road users as well as an eyesore for the community.

Mr Speaker, road maintenance ensures that this infrastructure continues to function as designed for its intended purpose throughout its expected lifetime. In order to ensure that the road conditions are maintained and kept in good order, there is a need to properly legislate the use of the roads by the public; maintenance of the roads; and to attach a duty of responsibility to every road user – be it a driver, cyclist or pedestrian, to take pride in our roads.

The proposed Bill aims to implement measures to ensure the safe and efficient use of roads and to meet essential needs which include:

- Safety and mobility of traffic and other road users;
- Safety of people undertaking works or participating in events on roads; and
- Safe and orderly access to properties and services adjacent to roads.

Mr. Speaker, accompanying the Bill is an explanatory memorandum that explains the Bill in clearer detail.

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