

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025

SECOND READING SPEECH

H.E. Hon David W.R. Adeang, M.P.

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I introduce to the House today the *Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2025*.

Mr Speaker and Honourable Members, this Bill has only 2 amendments. The first amendment relates to the transfer of functions of the Electoral Commission in respect of transfer based under Section 42(1)(e). This is in relation to Nauruan Customs, customary links and affiliation. It also includes transferring all the functions in relation to the other matters in section 42 (1)(e)(ii), (iii) and (iv). The Electoral Commission will continue to receive all the applications for transfer. After it processes the application it will be submitted to the Cabinet. The Cabinet will now have the function to make the decision in respect of this criteria of transfer.

Mr Speaker and Honourable Members, the other amendment is to Section 23 of the Act. This relates to the removal of Electoral Commissioners from the office. They can now be removed from their office by the Cabinet on the grounds of incapacity, incompetence, negligence, misconduct and failure to maintain confidentiality.

Mr Speaker, the explanatory memorandum summarises the Bill's provisions. Sir, I respectfully request that the accompanying memorandum be read and incorporated into the Hansard Reports.

I commend the Bill to the House.