

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
NAOERO NATIONAL ANTHEM EMBLEM AND FLAG
PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable Lionel Rouwen Aingimea MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I introduce to the House today the *Naoero National Anthem Emblem and Flag Protection (Amendment) Bill 2020*.

Mr Speaker, the proposed Bill relates to an amendment to Schedule 2 of the *Naoero National Anthem Emblem and Flag Protection Act 2018*. Schedule 2 contains the depiction of our national emblem. It has been brought to my attention that it has already been changed once by this House. Recently the emblem has been reviewed again in comparison to its original design. It was revealed that the emblem in the current Schedule still has certain errors. This Bill rectifies this.

Sir, there is still work continuing on this and the flag and it is our intention to ensure that it is rectified both by depiction and actual written description. Historical records are still being traced on this and will be incorporated. For that reason, the Schedule may require certain changes based on historical records. Regulations will now allow for amendments to the Schedules to allow this. The regulations will be made by the Cabinet.

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.

I commend the Bill to the House.