

**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**  
**NAOERO NATIONAL ANTHEM EMBLEM AND FLAG**  
**PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2019**

**SECOND READING SPEECH**

**Honourable Baron Divavesi Waqa MP**

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I introduce to the House today the *Naoero National Anthem Emblem and Flag Protection (Amendment) Bill 2019*.

Mr Speaker, the national emblem is part of our heritage. There are a number of different designs of the emblem used by officials as well as other persons. There is a significant and obvious misrepresentation in the symbol of only 5 tomano flowers. In 1968 when the emblem was designed, the number of flowers was 7.

The purpose of this amendment is to provide for the correct design and colour of the national emblem. In addition, the proposed amendment to Schedule 2 now clearly describes the purpose and meaning of the symbols in the emblem.

The amendment is only to Schedule 2 of the Act.

Mr Speaker, the explanatory memorandum details the provisions of the Bill.

I commend the Bill to the House.