

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
ASYLUM SEEKERS (REGIONAL PROCESSING CENTRE)
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2018
SECOND READING SPEECH
Honourable David Adeang MP
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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the responsibility of introducing to the House today a Bill for the amendment of the *Asylum Seekers (Regional Processing Centre) Act 2012*.

Currently, both asylum seekers who are on RPC Visas and refugees who have had their claims positively determined and are granted a Temporary Settlement Visa (TSV) reside in Regional Processing Centres in Nauru. However, the current *Act* which regulates the RPC refers only to holders of RPC visas.

The Bill I introduce to the House today contains an amendment to the definition of “protected person” in the *Act*, to cover both RPC and TSV visas. This means that the rights and obligations of ‘protected persons’ residing in the RPCs properly extend to all those who reside within it.

Mr. Speaker, the explanatory memorandum explains this Bill in more detail.

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