

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
NAURU (RPC) Corporation BILL 2017

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable David Adeang MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I am pleased to introduce to the House today the Nauru (RPC) Corporation Bill 2017.

Mr Speaker, this Bill establishes a body corporate with a Board and Chief Executive Officer, and a system of checks and balances that ensure a process of transparency and accountability of the procurement process throughout the RPC and temporary settlement space. In essence, all contracts that are entered into for the RPC and temporary settlement space are consistent with Government procurement laws.

The Bill is consistent with the spirit of partnership embodied in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic and the Commonwealth of Australia, relating to the transfer to and assessment of persons in Nauru. It not only acknowledges local service providers and ensures as much benefits are transferred to local businesses, it ensures that any service provider has the opportunity to be considered on a level playing field.

Mr Speaker, the Bill affords us opportunities by implementing the true meaning of the spirit of partnership under the MOU and the intention that Nauru benefits from hosting the RPC and temporary settlements.

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

I commend the Bill to the House.