

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2018

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable David Adeang MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I introduce to the House today the *Corporations (Amendment) Bill 2018* (the 'Bill').

In order to ensure that the laws of the Republic are robust and effective, Nauru has undergone major changes to its legislative framework in recent years since becoming a member of the Organisation for Economic and Co-operation Development (the 'OECD').

In order to meet its OECD membership requirements, the Corporations Act 1972 has been amended on several occasions in order to strengthen the enforcement of laws relating to corporations in the Republic.

A recent in-country assessment of Nauru by the OECD highlighted that in its current form, the Act still contains a number of challenges and loopholes as certain provisions remain in the Act which are inconsistent with the objects and purposes of the OECD.

Recommendations from the OECD are now clarified in the Bill which aims to ensure Nauru's compliance with the objects and purposes of the OECD.

Further, the amendments in the Bill aim to help Nauru maintain or improve its OECD rating. The Bill reaffirms Nauru's commitment to the OECD membership requirements.

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

I commend the Bill to the House.