

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) NO. 2 BILL 2016

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honorable David Adeang MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the pleasure of introducing to the House today a Bill for the *Criminal Procedure (Amendment) No. 2 Act 2016*.

Since the enactment of the Crimes Act 2016, the Courts (Amendment) Act 2016 and the most recent amendment to the Criminal Procedure Act 1972, stakeholders have had a short opportunity to review and test the new provisions. In doing so, the suggestion for a further amendment to the Criminal Procedure Act was proposed by all relevant stakeholders.

This amendment would ensure a total bar on the District Court from holding preliminary inquiries or committal hearings. Moreover, the District Court will need to transfer any such charges to the Supreme Court for a full trial.

Mr. Speaker and Honorable Members, this amendment will further ensure an efficient and accessible justice system and you will note that the Bill is accompanied by explanatory memorandum explaining the Bill in more detail.

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