

**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**  
**DERELICT SITES MANAGEMENT BILL 2017**

**SECOND READING SPEECH**

**Honourable Tawaki Kam MP**

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I am pleased to introduce to this House today a Bill for an Act to make provision for the identification, control and management of derelict sites in the Republic.

A derelict site is any property that detracts, or is likely to detract, to a material degree from the amenity, character or appearance of a property in the neighbourhood of the property in question.

Mr Speaker, unfortunately we just have to look around our small country to see the accumulation of what we can classify as derelict sites. These derelict sites in some instances have undergone severe deterioration which can jeopardise the health and safety of nearby residents and the public at large.

Mr Speaker, we must have pride in our country. We must take the initiative to improve our environment, public health and safety which have been neglected in our eagerness to develop and to keep up with our more developed island neighbours.

The Bill is accompanied by an explanatory memorandum explaining the Bill in more detail.

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