

**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**  
**NAURU UTILITIES CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2024**

**SECOND READING SPEECH**

**Hon. Reagan Winson Aliklik, MP**

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I introduce to the House today the *Nauru Utilities Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2024*.

Mr Speaker and Honourable Members, the Nauru Utilities Corporation is an instrumentality of the Republic established under the *Nauru Utilities Corporation Act 2011*. The Corporation was established in 2011 replacing the Nauru Utilities Authority. When the utility services were corporatised, the Nauru Utilities Corporation ('NUC') was given a number of functions. This included the water, fuel and electricity.

Sir, as you all are aware, the fuel is now supplied by a private entity. That is, Vital with an agreement with the Government. When NUC was established, one of its objectives was to ensure it was able to deliver the services to the public and also the commercial element of undertaking a utilities function, was included. There is a growing demand for the provision of the removal and proper disposal of sewage material and waste water. The NUC has the capacity and human resources to undertake this activity.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, this is a very short Bill. It replaces the function of NUC to provide fuel. NUC will not provide fuel after this amendment. However, NUC will now undertake another activity to replace the fuel. This will be for removal and proper disposal of sewage material and waste water.

Clause 4 of the Bill deletes the provision for fuel and replaces it with the obligation now on NUC to carry out commercial activity in relation to removal of sewage material and waste water.

Mr Speaker, the explanatory memorandum summarises the Bill's provisions. Sir, I respectfully request that the accompanying memorandum be read and incorporated into the Hansard Reports.

I commend the Bill to the House.