

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
REFUGEES CONVENTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2018
SECOND READING SPEECH
Honourable David Adeang MP
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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I introduce to this House today a Bill for an Act to amend the *Refugees Convention Act 2012*.

Mr Speaker, the Secretary for Multicultural Affairs is the head of the Department of Multicultural Affairs with corresponding powers conferred under the Refugees Convention Act 2012.

The Bill limits the liability of the bona fide exercise of powers of the Secretary for Multicultural Affairs.

Mr Speaker the Bill also allows the Secretary to recognise a declaration, decision or record under the laws of a foreign country declaring that an asylum seeker be recognised either as a refugee, given derivative status or owed complementary protection after making inquiries or carrying out an investigation.

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

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