

**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**  
**NAURU TOURISM CORPORATION BILL 2019**  
**SECOND READING SPEECH**  
**Honourable Baron Divavesi Waqa MP**  
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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I am pleased to introduce to the House today the *Nauru Tourism Corporation Bill 2019*.

Mr Speaker, this Bill is another initiative of this Government to reform a particular sector of our economy. As with other reforms, it is Nauru centric.

This Bill establishes a corporation whose main function is to develop and promote sustainable tourism in Nauru. It has been proven by many countries from around the region that tourism is a great force for economic development. There is untapped tourism potential in our country which should be explored as we are lagging behind our Pacific island neighbours.

Mr Speaker, The tourism industry is the biggest and most renowned industry in the world. We need to be innovative, committed and determined in tapping into this sector. It would be beneficial for our economy and our people. While there are adverse effects of tourism, with proper planning and management, an established tourism sector would stimulate diversity, economic growth and create jobs for the people of Nauru.

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

I commend the Bill to the House.