

# Naoero Bulletin

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## Appropriation Bill 2026-27

The Naoero Parliament passed the Appropriation Bill 2026-27, themed 'A Blueprint for Ambition'. It recognises a balanced budget, prioritising long-term national development, projecting total revenue at \$359.2 million and managed expenditure at \$359 million, leaving a surplus balance of \$200,000.

The Appropriation Bill (the budget) sees the end of the Supply Bill 2026 which was enacted to ensure government operations continued seamlessly while the budget was being finalised.

As Minister for Finance, His Excellency President David Adeang presented the bill, 20 July, taking note of recommendations by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to bolster resilience and avoid drastic increases in spending simply because the economy is doing well.

The government will balance those recommendations with the development needs of the people and priorities including health, education, productive infrastructure, the maintenance of essential public services, and fortified social safety nets.



The budget includes measures to improve the Republic's balance sheet through long-term savings in the Naoero Intergenerational Trust Fund and reducing government debt. In 2026-27, the government will contribute 10.1 per cent (\$24.3M) of adjusted revenue to the Trust Fund. A prepayment of \$2 million was made last financial year, leaving the balance of \$22.3 million to be settled in 2026-27. //

## Naoero embraces name change and beginning of renewed national pride

The Republic of Naoero is the new official designation for what was previously known as Nauru. The abbreviated form will be Naoero, with the code updated to NRO, and the people will be referred to as dei-Naoero



*Aerial view of Naoero*

His Excellency President David Adeang delivered his opening message to Parliament, 20 July, addressing the decision to return the country to its traditional name, Naoero, following extensive discussions.

The decision not to pursue a referendum was reached after thoughtful deliberation that Naoero is not a new name seeking acceptance by the people. It is already the identity of the people, is on the national coat of arms, and spoken in the community; and importantly is allowed by the Constitution.

While a referendum is intended to determine the will of the people, the name Naoero has never been lost, but rather waiting to be fully embraced.

President Adeang said the moment was not about politics, but about identity, heritage, and "preserving the legacy of our ancestors and strengthening the future of our children".

Naoero is the beginning of renewed national pride, and a new chapter founded on unity, responsibility, patriotism, better health, education, and sustainable development.

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## Naoero embraces name change and beginning of renewed national pride

The future of Naoero will be built by learning from the mistakes of the past and using their experience to make wiser decisions for the generations to come.

Parliament in favour of the change. The Speaker of Parliament Marcus Stephen then certified the amendment on 13 May 2026, enacting the change.

On 29 January 2026, the Constitution (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2026, proposing to rename Nauru to Naoero, was tabled. This was followed by a layover period of 90 days and the unanimous vote by the members of

International organisations and countries have formally been notified of the change and have begun making the transition. //

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## Naoero government celebrates partnership with Commonwealth Bank



*Government reaffirms commitment to review enhanced financial literacy, including school banking and scam awareness.*

The Government of Naoero announced a significant milestone in its strategic partnership with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA), 7 August, marking the successful first year of the Agency Agreement that has transformed banking services across the island nation.

The inaugural year has seen the seamless transition from Bendigo Bank to CBA, with banking services in Naoero remaining stable, reliable, and focused on community access and financial inclusion.

The review meeting was held at the Consulate General Office of Naoero in Brisbane and was led by President David Adeang, joined by Senior Official Principal of Naoero Banking (CBA Agency Naoero) Chris Durman and banking consultant Greg Watson. From CBA the meeting was attended by Executive General Manager Sam Taranto, Executive Director of Institutional Banking and Markets Justin Sharp, and General Manager of Financial Crime Compliance James Hatchard.

Following a comprehensive review, both parties agreed to establish a joint working group, which will serve as the primary governance forum to address operational, commercial, finance-related, and compliance matters. This partnership emphasises transparency, improved

reporting, and strategic initiatives to strengthen Naoero's banking ecosystem.

The Government of Naoero reaffirmed its commitment to a review to enhance financial literacy, digital banking capabilities, and community programs, including assessing how best to assist with school banking and scam awareness initiatives. Discussions also highlighted the importance of culturally sensitive approaches to compliance and anti-money laundering standards.

"This milestone reflects the strength of our partnership and our shared commitment to delivering sustainable, community-focused banking services," President Adeang said.

"We look forward to working closely with CBA to resolve outstanding issues and to further develop our financial infrastructure for the benefit of all dei-Naoero."

Both parties remain dedicated to ongoing engagement, with regular operational meetings and strategic governance discussions. The Government of Naoero gratefully acknowledges CBA's ongoing support and its commitment to a long-term partnership that prioritises community access, transparency, and cultural understanding. //

## One Pacific Airways, Naoero Airlines explore opportunities to work together



*Naoero Airlines Chair Charleston Deiye and Founder and President of One Pacific Airways, Chih Yuan Wang, shake hands following the successful meeting.*

South Pacific Airways Ltd., trading as One Pacific Airways, and Naoero Air Corporation, trading as Naoero Airlines, have concluded discussions in Singapore to explore opportunities for the two airlines to work together commercially and operationally.

The discussions have been focused on identifying practical areas of cooperation that may benefit both airlines and improve connectivity across the Pacific.

Potential areas of cooperation include flight scheduling, passenger connections, ticketing and web systems, cargo, maintenance, operational support and other commercial opportunities.

The discussions have been part of an ongoing process to understand how the two airlines can complement each other's operations and develop commercially viable opportunities for mutual benefit.

"We see opportunities for the two airlines to work together in a practical and commercially focused way," Founder and President of One Pacific Airways, Mr Chih Yuan Wang, said.

"Our discussions have been focused on identifying areas where we can complement each other and create better connectivity and commercial opportunities."

Chairman of Naoero Airlines Charleston Deiye said, "This is a positive opportunity for Naoero Airlines and One Pacific Airways to explore how we can work together.

"We are looking at practical areas of cooperation that can provide commercial benefits to both airlines and, where appropriate, improve connectivity for our passengers and communities."

The two airlines will continue discussions on potential areas of cooperation, with any future arrangements to be subject to further commercial negotiations and the necessary regulatory and government approvals.

At this stage, the discussions are focused on exploring opportunities and developing a potential framework for cooperation, with specific commercial commitments to be announced as progressed. //



## FSM calls Naoero air partnership, a vote of confidence

The governments of the Republic of Naoero and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Honolulu, 29 July, formally cementing a new era of commercial and financial cooperation between the two nations, anchored by strengthened air services on the Majuro–Pohnpei route.



**Partnership opens new chapter for Naoero and FSM**

The signing brings together two proud Pacific nations with a shared vision of closer connectivity, stronger trade, and greater opportunity for their people following the recent termination of the Australian North Pacific Connector.

Building on the momentum of existing Nauru Airlines services linking Naoero, Majuro and Pohnpei, the MOU establishes a framework for collaboration across

commercial aviation, financial partnership, and route development, unlocking a pipeline of new commercial opportunities in trade, tourism, logistics and investment across the wider Micronesian and Central Pacific region.

"Today we're not just signing an agreement — we're opening a new chapter for our people," Minister for Naoero Air Corporation Asterio Appi said.

"This MOU with the Federated States of Micronesia reflects exactly the kind of bold, forward-looking partnership Naoero is committed to. Stronger air links mean stronger trade, stronger families, and a stronger Pacific. We are proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with FSM as we build the connections our region deserves."

Senator Peter Christian of the FSM Airline Task Force, echoes those sentiments.

"The Federated States of Micronesia has long understood that our future in the Pacific depends on how well we connect with our neighbours. This MOU with Naoero is a milestone moment — it's a vote of confidence in what our two nations can achieve together. Majuro and Pohnpei are more than points on a map; and today we've made those enhanced opportunities for generations to come."

Further announcements on route enhancements and investment initiatives will follow. //

## Naoero, RMI sign commercial partnership

In a historic step forward for Pacific economic cooperation, the governments of Naoero and the Marshall Islands announced the signing of a landmark MOU to strengthen trade, drive investment, and unlock a new era of commercial partnership between the two nations.



**Minister Appi and RMI Minister Kendall sign commercial partnership MOU, Brisbane, 15 July**

The MOU was formally signed 15 July in Brisbane, Australia bringing together senior representatives from both governments in a ceremony marking what officials are calling "a defining moment" for regional economic collaboration.

The MOU establishes a robust framework for cooperation across a range of commercial sectors, paving the way for joint ventures, streamlined trade channels, and long-term investment opportunities between Naoero and the Republic of Marshall Islands. Both nations described the signing as the beginning of a new chapter defined by shared prosperity and mutual ambition.

"This is more than a signature on paper — this is two nations choosing to build the future together," Minister for Nauru Air Corporation Asterio Appi said.

"We are opening doors that will benefit our businesses, our workers, and our communities for generations to come."

Minister Hilton Kendall, representing the Republic of Marshall Islands Government, echoed the sentiment, emphasising the strength of the partnership and the opportunities it creates for both nations moving forward. "Today we prove that ambition and partnership go hand in hand," Minister Kendall said.

"The Republic of Marshall Islands is proud to stand alongside Naoero as we chart a bold new commercial future — together, we are stronger, sharper, and ready for what's next."

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Both governments have committed to establishing a joint working group in the coming months to oversee implementation of the MOU, with further announcements expected regarding specific commercial projects and investment initiatives.

The MOU will progress to formal commercial agreements scheduled to be signed late August 2026 between the two nations and will serve as a foundation for deeper diplomatic and economic ties in the years ahead. //

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## **Parliament 20 July 2026**

### **Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Act 2026**

Passed by the Naoero Parliament, Tuesday 20 July 2026

The Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) Bill 2026 seeks to amend the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 2004.

Section 9 of the Act is amended to delete reference to 'serious offence' and substitute with 'criminal matter' to ensure the minister has discretion to refuse all matters which are the subject of the Act.

Part 9 of the Act is amended to clarify the interpretation of 'court', to mean 'Naoero court', and not the court of a requesting country.

Furthermore, the Department of Justice and Border Control is currently working in collaboration with the Australian Attorney General's Department through the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to finalise the Naoero Mutual Assistance Manual. The manual provides a simplified version of the process under the Act and templates to be used for mutual assistance requests. //

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### **Public Enterprises (Amendment) (No.2) Act 2026**

Passed by the Naoero Parliament, Tuesday 20 July 2026

The purpose of the Public Enterprises (Amendment) (No.2) Act 2026 is to put in place a consistent framework in relation to the remuneration and qualifications of board directors of public enterprises. The bill amends the definition of 'remuneration', introduces eligibility criteria for directors and removes references to deputy chairpersons.



At the commencement of this Act, an appointed deputy chairperson may continue with the appointment until their appointment is terminated. But no other appointments of deputy chairperson will be made after the commencement of this Act.

The proposed qualifications of directors are that a person must possess the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to effectively oversee the enterprise, including financial literacy, an understanding of financial statements and risks, the ability to contribute to strategic documents such as annual reports, business plans and statements of corporate intent.

Board of Directors must also have experience in risk management, compliance, governance, leadership and senior management; must understand directors' duties under the Act and the public enterprise framework, strong interpersonal skills, and relevant experience aligned with the operations, scale and strategic context of the enterprise.

In addition, the individual must have demonstrated leadership or decision-making experience within a district or community and must not be disqualified under proposed subsection (2). The disqualification provisions currently provided in the Act are retained.

Disqualifications include being under 18 years of age, been convicted of an offence in any jurisdiction, prohibited under law or order from being a director, promoter or management of a corporation, deemed mentally impaired, an elected public official including as a government minister or member of Parliament, is a public service employee with operational responsibility of the enterprise's principal business, and as a public servant the appointment would not result in more than two directors or more than half of total directors appointed to that board.

Section 61 (3) is amended by removing the deputy chairperson from being appointed as chair at board meetings. Only the chairperson, and in their absence a director may be appointed to preside at board meetings. //

## Revenue Administration (Amendment) Act 2026

Passed by the Naoero Parliament, Tuesday 20 July 2026

The Revenue Administration (Amendment) Bill 2026 proposed amendment to the Revenue Administration Act 2014 to strengthen the enforcement and compliance of the principal Act.



The amendments include new definitions, and provisions for authorised personnel and circumstances to disclose documents and information for the purpose

of and in connection with implementing or enforcing the provisions of a tax law.

Section 23 is amended to allow for situations where a person has been allowed an extension to pay tax; to pay in instalments at the rate of 2.5 per cent interest during the extension period. If the person fails to make payment of tax and at the rate of 2.5 per cent, then they will be required to pay the late penalty interest under Section 28, which is five per cent.

A new subsection 7 provides that the secretary may, where the penalty is below \$5,000, cancel or reverse, in whole or in part, any penalty a person must pay except a penalty imposed under Section 64; and when the penalty is \$5,000 or above, the secretary may obtain the approval of the minister to cancel or reverse, in whole or in part, any penalty payable by a person except a penalty imposed under Section 64. //

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## Public Service (Amendment) Act 2026

Passed by the Naoero Parliament, Tuesday 20 July 2026

The Public Service (Amendment) Bill 2026 inserts the new term 'unattached employee' and a new Division 5 under Part 5 of the Act to provide for unattached employees.



This clause allows the chief secretary to designate a public service employee as an unattached employee if the employee's substantive position is abolished or reclassified and the employee is not appointed to the reclassified position. The Chief Secretary will provide the terms and conditions for the unattached employee who for three months shall continue to be entitled to the salary, leave entitlements and other benefits they were entitled to in their previous substantive position.

During the three months, the Chief Secretary must appoint or transfer the employee to another public service position. If the employee refuses the appointment, they must resign in accordance with Section 83(1) of the Public Service Act. //



### Naoero calls for fairness in seabed governance, wins order for provisional measures



*Minister Lionel Aingimea underscores disappointment over NORI case*

The Vice President and Minister for Nauru Seabed Minerals Authority, Lionel Aingimea presented to Parliament, 20 July, his statement on the report on Naoero's case before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), underscoring disappointment in the conduct of due process by the International Seabed Authority (ISA).

On 2 July, in Hamburg, Germany VP Aingimea attended the first hearing of the ITLOS proceedings on the case between the Nauru Ocean Resources Inc (NORI) and ISA. Naoero was invited to the Seabed Disputes Chamber to participate as NORI's sponsoring state.

The Minister presented Naoero's perspective and concerns regarding ISA's transparency and failure to provide due process, fairness, and the right to respond by NORI and Naoero as the sponsoring state.

These actions present real and imminent risk of irreparable prejudice.

However, the Minister said the court appearance on 17 July, ITLOS handed down a favourable ruling for Naoero and NORI.

As previously reported, the Republic of Naoero took part in the second part of the 31st session of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) Council in Kingston, Jamaica, 13-24 July, leading to approval of the NORI exploration contract extension and wins order for provisional measures.

The Naoero delegation was led by Ambassador David Aingimea, who during the meeting, spoke about ongoing legal matters at the International Tribunal for the Law of

the Sea (ITLOS). He stressed that Naoero's top priority is protecting its role as a sponsoring State and ensuring that seabed governance is fair, transparent, and workable for all nations, especially small island developing States.

The ambassador welcomed the ISA's Legal and Technical Commission's (LTC) recommendation to extend the exploration contract of Nauru Ocean Resources Inc. (NORI) and was pleased after the International Seabed Authority (ISA) Council deliberations to see the Council accept the recommendation of the LTC and approve a five-year extension for NORI's deep-sea exploration contract on Monday, 20 July 2026.

During the ISA Council week, in a historic and unanimous verdict, the Seabed Disputes Chamber of ITLOS issued a collective ruling in favour of NORI on 18 July 2026.

This order establishes provisional measures in the case initiated by NORI against the International Seabed Authority (ISA) regarding ISA's compliance inquiries, which violated NORI's rights to due process and fair treatment under UNCLOS in relation to the extension of NORI's existing exploration contract.

Naoero provided support to NORI in its role as the sponsoring state, with Vice President Lionel Rouwen Aingimea present to deliver oral statements before the tribunal. //

### Nauru Air Corporation



Minister for Nauru Air Corporation Asterio Appi raised in Parliament on 20 July the end of the Northern Pacific Connector contract, which Nauru Airlines had been operating to Pohnpei and Koror since 2022, in partnership with Australia.

“The tender process deadline has elapsed and remains a mystery, clouded in confidentiality. The irony of this was heightened by Australia’s Minister for Pacific Island Affairs’ verbal advice at a meeting in March 2026 to Nauru’s delegation, to the effect, “make sure Nauru Airlines’ tender response is lodged by the stated deadline.”

“Unfortunately, it is hauntingly familiar to a similar decision a year or so earlier when the Paradise Express operated by Nauru Airlines under the contract was subject to a sudden re-tender decision in less than 12 months of operation. It would appear that Nauru Airlines was used as a means of exploring a new flight

destination, only to be shortly replaced thereafter by an Australia-designated carrier who immediately benefited from the initial groundwork, marketing and forward passenger bookings,” Minister Appi said.

He added that the handling of tender arrangements and delays in reaching a conclusion have severely undermined a lot of good work over the years in endeavouring to build and maintain important connectivity causing further disruption and anxiety throughout the Micronesian countries.

“Most of the unease is being directed to Nauru Airlines offices and staff for being the incumbent operator of an expired contract that still has no decision in sight. The Northern Pacific Connector has failed Nauru Airlines and the people of Micronesia,” Minister Appi said.

The Minister assured the House that the Nauru Government and the national carrier have and will not forget its brothers and sisters of Micronesia.

“We have intensified our bilateral talks with our Micronesian neighbours, commencing with the Ministry of Transport from the Marshall Islands on a focused MOU on enhancing air connectivity.”

This is followed by further bilateral talks with Kiribati, the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau.

“Together, we can do more for air connectivity in the Micronesian region,” Minister Appi said. //

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## Matthew Barclay pays final courtesy call

Matthew Barclay pays a final courtesy call on His Excellency President David Adeang, 20 July, as he bid farewell to Naoero which he has called home for the last 18 months as the Australian High Commissioner.



*Barclay farewells Naoero after 18 months as high commissioner*

President Adeang thanked Mr Barclay for his hard work and friendship during his tenure, especially his role and commitment and ensuring the endorsement of the security agreement, the Naoero-Australia Treaty.

“Your contribution to Naoero’s journey and development is commendable and we are truly grateful. The unique bond between our two countries transcends diplomatic ties. We are like family, which is deeply rooted in history and mutual respect,” President Adeang said.

During Parliament sitting on 20 July, Members of Parliament expressed gratitude for his service, dedication and friendship.

Noted for having popularised the term, *ata amin bwini* (we are family), Mr Barclay’s approach to the diplomatic relations extend beyond just government. He is also recognised for his cordial relations with the people of Naoero.

Mr Barclay presented his letter of credence on 24 January 2025 and during his term has propelled the Naoero-Australia relations through the successful endorsement of the Treaty which secure ongoing access to vital banking services, budget and security support; bolster sports, education, and training initiatives, infrastructure development pertinent to Naoero’s growth and stability, and steered high-level discussions and decisions in Naoero’s favour.

One of his final gestures of *ata amin bwini* and community engagement was bringing in AFL legend Gary Ablett Jr and his brother Nathan for a star-studded experience for Australian football fanatics, highlighting the people-to-people connections that have linked Australia and Naoero for generations.

Mr Barclay departed Naoero in late July. //

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## President Adeang receives new Australian high commissioner

His Excellency President David Adeang received the letter of credence of Ms Lisa White, accrediting her as High Commissioner of Australia to the Republic of Naoero, 28 July.



*High Commissioner White meets President Adeang*

Ms White was received on arrival at the government office by Superintendent David Canon, for the inspection of the Nauru Police Force Guard of Honour. She was then escorted to the Office of the President for the official presentation of her Letter of Credence.

In congratulating the High Commissioner, President Adeang underscored that Naoero and Australia share

more than formal diplomatic ties, with a longstanding partnership, shared history and people-to-people connections under the theme: *Ata Amin Bwini*.

“Your leadership as High Commissioner will be important in sustaining this momentum and ensuring that our partnership continues to grow in a spirit of openness, trust and mutual consultation,” President Adeang said.

Ms Lisa White previously served as a career diplomat and lawyer with over 20 years of experience working across government on international engagement, defence and security matters, representing Australia overseas, including in the Pacific, Central Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. She has delivered political, security, development, and consular outcomes including the Australia-PNG Bilateral Security Agreement; Australia-PNG 2024 Ministerial Forum and the political and consular response to the Westgate Mall terror attack in Nairobi.

In her most recent position, the High Commissioner was responsible for deepening Australia’s engagement with ASEAN countries and implementing Australia’s Southeast Asia Economic Strategy, Invested. //

## Israel Ambassador Yaron presents credentials

The ambassador-designate of the State of Israel to the Republic of Naoero Ms Maya Yaron presented her credentials to His Excellency President David Adeang, following her inspection of the Naoero Police Force Guard of Honour, 12 August.



*President receives new Israel Ambassador Yaron*

Following the inspection, Ambassador Yaron was welcomed by President Adeang for the official presentation of her letter of credence.

President Adeang offered assurance of the government's support as she takes on this important responsibility.

The President welcomed recent discussions on Israel's potential assistance towards establishing a Naoero embassy in Jerusalem, adding that Naoero remains grateful for Israel's past support including assistance provided during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ambassador Yaron will also called on Vice President Lionel Aingimea and Cabinet ministers, the Naoero Honorary Consul to Israel Sean Oppenheimer, as well as a tour of the National Heritage and Naoero Museum.

Ambassador Yaron holds a Masters in Diplomacy with honours, and a Bachelor of International Relations with honours. She began her diplomatic career in 2007 as the deputy chief of mission for the Embassy of Israel in Dakar, Senegal, before moving on to other designations. Naoero and Israel established diplomatic relations in 1994, founded on mutual respect, friendship and shared interests. //

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## Naoero to open embassy in Israel

The Naoero Government announced on 22 July its intention to further strengthen diplomatic engagement with the State of Israel through the establishment of an official diplomatic mission.



*Israel embassy represents significant milestone in Naoero's diplomatic outreach.*

Cabinet has endorsed the deployment of a scoping mission to Israel tasked with assessing the diplomatic, operational, and logistical requirements necessary for the establishment of the embassy. The mission will explore opportunities for deeper cooperation across a broad spectrum of shared priorities, with a view to identifying practical pathways that reinforce long-term partnership and mutual development.

A diplomatic presence in Israel will serve as an essential platform for advancing Naoero's foreign policy priorities, promoting sustainable development, and deepening bilateral engagement with one of the region's key partners.

The Government reaffirms its commitment to fostering peaceful, constructive, and mutually beneficial international relations that contribute to the long-term prosperity and resilience of the Republic of Naoero.

The creation of an embassy in Israel represents a significant milestone in Naoero's diplomatic outreach and underscores the nation's dedication to expanding its global partnerships in support of national development and strategic cooperation. //

## VP Aingimea addresses ISA assembly

On Wednesday, 29 July 2026, the Vice President of the Republic of Naoero, Lionel Aingimea, delivered a powerful statement at the 31st Session of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) Assembly in Kingston, Jamaica.



### ***Concerns raised regarding transparency, due process, and treatment of Naoero in ISA proceedings***

Speaking before global leaders, the Vice President called for urgency and resolve in finalising the long delayed exploitation regulations, stressing that prolonged uncertainty undermines the rights and development prospects of small island developing

States (SIDS). He reminded the Assembly that Naoero triggered the two year rule in 2021 in good faith, expecting timely progress, and urged the ISA to honour its commitments.

He firmly addressed calls for a moratorium or precautionary pause, noting that such measures have no basis in UNCLOS or the 1994 Agreement, and disproportionately harm small island nations. He emphasised Naoero's leadership in science based decision making, citing the extensive environmental data contributed by Naoero's sponsored contractor, NORI, including over one petabyte of data and dozens of peer reviewed scientific publications.

Vice President Aingimea also raised concerns regarding transparency, due process, and the treatment of Naoero within ISA proceedings, calling for greater respect, accountability, and timely communication across all organs of the Authority.

In closing, he reaffirmed Naoero's unwavering support to ensuring that SIDS retain a real, not theoretical, stake in the benefits of seabed resources. //

## RMI delegation conduct medical feasibility study in Naoero

A high-level delegation from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, led by Chief Secretary Kino Kabua, visited the Republic of Naoero, 28-31st July, to undertake a medical feasibility study and learn about Naoero's new healthcare initiative.



### ***Deputy ministers for health and medical services, and public health join RMI team on feasibility study of Naoero's facilities.***

The delegation comprised the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, Jendikdik Paul; the Secretary for Health and Human Services, Francyne Wase; the Special Envoy for Health, Dr Wilfred Alik; Miss Neri Wase of the Finance Department; and Mr Sylvester Leoak of the Health Department.

The visit provided the delegation with an opportunity to gain a better understanding of Naoero's healthcare initiative, including the engagement of an external agency to strengthen the delivery of medical services and improve the health and well-being of the people of Naoero.

During their visit, members of the delegation met with relevant officials and participated in discussions on healthcare development, service delivery, and opportunities for cooperation and knowledge sharing between the two countries.

The delegation also joined President Adeag on a community bike ride and participated in the Public Service walk, 30 July.

Their involvement in these activities reflects the shared commitment of both countries in promoting healthy and active lifestyles.

The visit further strengthens the close friendship between Naoero and the Marshall Islands and demonstrates mutual commitment to improving public health and advancing cooperation for the benefit of their peoples. //

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