

AN ACT

To make better provision in the law relating to the construction, Interpretation and publication of the law and for matters incidental thereto.

(Certified: 5th January, 1972)

Enacted by the Parliament of Nauru as follows:

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

1. This Act may be cited as the Interpretation Act 1971 and shall come into force on a date to be notified by the Cabinet in the Gazette.

PART II - GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR INTERPRETATION

INTERPRETATION OF TERMS AND APPLICATION

2. (1) In this Act and in every other written law and in all public documents enacted, made or issued before or after the commencement of this Act the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent with such construction or unless it is therein otherwise expressly provided:-

"Nauru" means the Island of Nauru, the territorial waters thereof and the air space above the island and the territorial waters;

"territorial waters" means that area of water, and the waters and subsoil beneath it, enclosed by a line every part of which is at a distance of twelve miles from the nearest point of the outer edge of the reef surrounding the Island of Nauru which is exposed at low tide and, where there is an opening in the reef, from a straight line across the outer edges of that opening;