

**LAND APPEAL NO 4/96**

**CIVIL ACTION NO 12/96**

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BETWEEN: **Maria Denuga** - **Appellant**  
and **Nauru Lands Committee** - **First Defendant**  
**Curator of Interstate Estates-** **Second Defendant**  
**Ronnie Detogia** - **Third Defendant**

**HELD**

There is no justification for the Nauru Lands Committee to determine that only a biological child is entitled to succeed to the estate of Eadum. It is contrary to the terms of Einami's will, contrary to the correct interpretation adopted by the Committee from 1955 up to Eadum's death; and it is contrary to Nauruan custom, precedent and statutory interpretation.

Mr. P.N. Ekwona for Appellant  
Mr. Adam for First Defendant  
Mr. Dwivedi for Second Defendant  
Hon. Anthony D. Audoa for Third Defendant

Before - Dillon. J.