

# MINUTES

## Darwin Commercial Passenger Vehicles Forum

**Thursday 29 March 2012**

**3:00pm to 4:30pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Cavenagh Street, Darwin**

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### **1.1 Present/Apologies**

- Present: Darwin Airport Shuttle representative (Chair)  
Metro Minibus Pty Ltd (Metro) representative  
Darwin City Council (DCC) representative  
Tourism Top End (TTE) representative  
Driver/Operator representative  
Darwin Bus Service representative  
Department of Lands and Planning (DLP) representative
- Invited Guest: Darwin International Airport (DIA) representative
- Apologies: City Radio Taxis representative  
Australian Hotels Association NT representative  
Darwin Radio Taxis representative
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### **1.2 Confirm Minutes from previous meeting**

Minutes from previous meeting confirmed.

### **2.1 Outstanding Actions**

- DLP provided a current list of approved ranks to all members.
- DLP forwarded a letter to all operators/networks reminding them of the reduced pre-booking times for small omnibuses trial.
- An industry information document intended for public distribution was drafted to assist with educating the public on transport option available at the DIA.
- DLP Monthly Advisory Notice circulated to members
- DLP met with the Minister and the NT Taxi Council on Monday 26 March 2012 regarding the Peak Period Taxi (PPT) review
- The group received initial feedback on six monthly versus 12 monthly inspections and outsourcing CPV inspections to authorised inspectors.
- DLP handed out statistics on CPV audits
- Work is underway for CPV Driver of the Year Award
- DLP handed out results of the MPT survey to all members.
- The group was advised that the review of the In-Service Maintenance Standards for PHCs and Limousines had commenced

### **3. Other Business**

#### **3.1 Seating Capacity for Tourist Vehicles**

- DLP is looking at amending internal requirements regarding seating capacity in TVs to align with the seating capacity as specified on a vehicle's compliance plate. This may increase the licenced seating capacity of some vehicles operating in the TV category.

### **3.2 Signage at the Darwin International Airport**

- Signage at DIA will be put on hold until confirmation of the terminal expansion.

### **3.3 Special Events Transport**

- A discussion was held on how to best coordinate special events.

### **3.4 Private Hire Cars Ranking at the Darwin Wharf and Working with TTE**

- Private hire cars submitted a request for ranking privileges at Darwin Wharf for times when cruise ships arrive so that people wanting a private tour around town have got that option.

## **5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled in two months time, during May 2012.