

# MINUTES

## Darwin Commercial Passenger Vehicles Forum

**Date:** Thursday 4 October 2012  
**Time:** 2:30 pm to 4 pm  
**Venue:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Cavenagh Street, Darwin

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### 1.1 Present/Apologies

Present:	Aaron Blasch	Buslink (Stand In Chair)
	Helen Galton	Tourism Top End (TTE)
	John Hart	Metro Minibus Pty Ltd (Metro)
	Khalid Nadeem	Darwin Radio Taxis
	Ron Flemming	Driver/Operator
	Greg Turner	Department of Transport (DoT)
	Abby Bowen	Department of Transport (DoT)
Apologies:	Rebecca Goodwin	Darwin Airport Shuttle (Chair)
	Melina Pachos	City Radio Taxis
	Amy Williamson	Australian Hotels Association NT
	Drosso Lelekis	Darwin City Council (DCC)
	Bernie Ingram	Department of Transport

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### 1.2 Confirm Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from previous meeting confirmed.

## 2 General Business

### 2.1 CPV Community Educational Project

CPV Community Educational Project to be kept on Agenda for next meeting.

**ACTION:** *CPV Community Educational Project on Agenda for next meeting.*

### 2.2 Cavenagh Street Upgrade Project

Helen Galton (TTE) advised the project was running on target. Stage one almost complete. The completion date for the entire project still aimed for end of November.

**ACTION:** *Cavenagh Street Upgrade Project on Agenda for next meeting.*

### 2.3 Taxi In-Service Maintenance Standards

First draft of Taxi standards close to completion for approval. Trying to keep consistency in the standards for all the different categories where possible. Examples of proposals in the taxi standards include removing the entry age, extending the age for sub taxis for two years, Braille signage and allowing provision for a card holder.

### 2.4 12 Monthly Inspections

A copy of the letter sent to all commercial vehicle licence holders was provided to members at the meeting. The 12 monthly inspections will be trialled for a period of two years and reviewed in December 2014.

## 2.5 CCTV in Private Hire Cars

CCTV's in Private Hire Cars is a subject open for discussion at the moment. Greg Turner has requested Ron Flemming to get some feedback from the PH operators and ask how they feel about it, do they want them, etc before any decision will be made.

**ACTION:** *Ron Flemming to report feedback regarding CCTV in Private Hire Cars at the next meeting.*

## 2.6 Audio for CCTVs

At the time of CCTV's becoming compulsory for all taxis, the technology was not capable of recording three days worth of memory plus audio. There was also an issue with privacy which could have been resolved although it was going to delay the installation process. Since technology has advanced over the past few years, there is capacity to record at least three days of memory plus the audio. The main consensus from the Forum was positive with all members agreeing that it will add another layer of security offering more protection for the drivers.

## 2.7 Other Business

- There was a suggestion raised to open the truck bay at the test shed to 12+ seater Motor Omnibuses. Greg Turner to look into this and report back at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** *Greg Turner to look into opening up the truck bay to MO's.*

- Aaron Blasch raised the concern regarding the trees along Cavenagh Street public bus stop, they are causing problems such as swiping the side mirrors of buses, people hiding behind the trees at night time in the dark and also getting in the way of wheelchair ramps. Helen Galton is going to chase up the plans for the trees, as Helen thought the plans were to get rid of them but will double check and give an update at next meeting.

**ACTION:** *Helen Galton to look into the plans for the trees along Cavenagh Street bus stop.*

## 3. Action List

Please refer to Attachment A.

## 4. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for 7 February 2013.

**Attachment A**

<b>Agenda No</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Officer</b>
2.1	<i>CPV Community Educational Project on the Agenda for next meeting</i>	Rebecca Goodwin
2.2	<i>Cavenagh Street Upgrade Project on the Agenda for next meeting</i>	Drosso Lelekis
2.5	<i>Ron Flemming to report feedback regarding CCTV in Private Hire Cars at the next meeting</i>	Ron Flemming
2.7	<i>Greg Turner to look into opening up the truck bay to MO's</i>	Greg Turner
2.7	<i>Helen Galton to look into the plans for the trees along Cavenagh Street bus stop</i>	Helen Galton