

# MINUTES

## Darwin Commercial Passenger Vehicles Forum

**Date:** Thursday 15 May 2014  
**Time:** 2:30 pm to 4 pm  
**Venue:** The Bigg Room, Level 1, Energy House, 18-20 Cavenagh Street, Darwin

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### 1.1 Present/Apologies

Present:	Keith Morgan	Motor Omnibus (Route Service) Industry Rep
	Ron Fleming	Private Hire Car and Limousine Industry Rep
	Drosso Lelekis	City of Darwin (CoD) Representative
	Kerry Smith	City of Darwin (CoD) Representative
	Shirley Ansell	Taxi Industry Representative
	Greg Turner	Department of Transport (DoT)
	Laura Fletcher	Department of Transport (DoT)
Apologies:	Rebecca Goodwin	Motor Omnibus Industry Representative (Chair)
	Trevor Cox	Tourism Top End
	Melina Pachos	City Radio Taxis (no advice received)
	Sarah Andrews	Australian Hotels Association NT

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## 2 General Business

### 2.1 Confirm Minutes from previous meeting

There were no objections to Greg Turner taking Chair as Rebecca Goodwin could not attend.

Minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record.

### 2.2 Minibus Industry Representative

As the Minibus representative role is vacant, it was suggested that Bill Piantoni would be a suitable candidate as he is the largest minibus operator. It was agreed by all members to extend an invitation to Bill Piantoni.

### 2.3 Tourist Vehicle Standards

Tourist Vehicle Standards have been drafted and were currently available for comment on the Department's website. Greg provided an overview of the Standards and offered members of the forum to comment prior to their release.

Tourism have vested interest in the standards.

Greg clarified the purpose of the standards and provided an overview of how they fit into the regulation of the industry i.e. the Act and Regulations provide a licensing and operational framework for the operators and vehicle construction and the standards provide guidance on the maintenance condition and appearance the vehicles need to meet.

### 2.4 Review of all Darwin CBD on street parking

Last August the City of Darwin adopted a new parking strategy which is a series of major high level standards in regards to parking over short, medium and long term periods.

In December last year the City of Darwin also adopted an implementation strategy which is a series of actions in regards to parking, one of them being to review the on street parking space. Drosso has been meeting with stakeholders in regards to their use of the street space. The Council's date of delivery is August 2014 however it is subject to consultation.

A new layout plan will be sent out for comment after the consultation process. Drosso would like to engage through the forum to gain comments.

## 2.5 Discussion on dry season activities

Discussion was had on how the forum would best address ways to improve transport services during dry season events, particularly on improving communication between service providers and event organisers. While temporary ranking is often put in place at major event, industry is rarely involved and often not advised.

If members see any events coming up, they should raise issue and discuss options.

## 2.6 Other business – MVR Inconsistency of CPV Inspections

Ron Fleming raised concern of MVR inspectors and inconsistency of CPV inspections. Greg advised taxi industry have the same concerns.

Greg proposed an idea to get operators and their vehicles down to the test shed and meet with inspectors to confirm what the standards are. Ron suggested setting up a day, possibly the weekend, for only CPV vehicles to be inspected which would bring the wait times and amount of vehicles down.

**ACTION:** DOT to contact Simon Saunders/MVR to inquire about CPV Inspection day.

## 3. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for August.

**Attachment A**

Agenda No	Action	Action Officer
2.2	Contact Bill Piantoni to discuss minibus representative role	Gregory Turner
2.6	Contact Simon Saunders/ DOT to arrange CPV inspection day	Gregory Turner