Boosting security and getting more Taxis on NT roads

The Territory Government today announced measures to fund security cameras in taxis and put more cabs on the road during peak demand periods.

Minister for Transport, Gerry McCarthy, said the Territory Government will provide funding so security cameras can be installed in taxis to help boost safety.

“The Territory Government is helping boost security for drivers and passengers by providing funding for cameras to be installed in taxis and mini buses,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Taxi owners will be able to access a one off grant of $3000 for installing an approved security camera in each of their vehicles.

“These security cameras will be real deterrents for anti-social behaviour and crime.

“I thank the Taxi Council and taxi industry for working with me on this important issue and I encourage the industry to take up this funding and help boost safety for their staff and clients.”

Mr McCarthy said a new class of taxi licence would also be introduced so more taxis are available.

“We are putting more taxis on the road when they are most needed by introducing peak period taxi licences,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Ten new peak period licences will be issued ensuring more taxis will be on the road when there is high demand.

“We’ve listened to the industry and travelling public – we know major events, early morning flights and people wanting transport from Mitchell Street need more taxis.”

The peak period taxi licence will operate from 10pm to 7am daily and all hours on Saturdays or for other nominated times when they are needed.

The ten new licences will be for the Darwin region and will be issued through a ballot that opens on July 5.

For more information on the peak hour licences and security cameras call the Commercial Passenger Vehicle section on 8924 7580.

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