COAST IS CLEAR FOR SEGWAYS IN THE TERRITORY

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Tourists now have a new, modern way to get around the Territory streets.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said a new pilot program has been approved to allow Segways to be used for commercial tour operations.

“Segways are great fun and an easy way for tourists to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Territory as part of organised tour group activities,” Mr Giles said.

“The two wheeled, electrically powered chariots use dynamic stabilisation, allowing a person to stand on the platform and control motion by shifting their body weight.

“Segways are a clean, green mode of transport, and with a speed limit of 12km/h in the Territory, can be used by anyone with at least a Learners licence.

“I urge all tourist operators to have a look at how Segways could enhance existing tour operations, or whether they could use them to branch out in a new direction.

“Segways will be allowed on approved paths in public places, but only as part of an organised, approved and led commercial tour operation.

Operators will be required to carry proof of the approval of their segway tour and will be responsible for ensuring each rider is adequately trained and with the minimum licence requirements.

There will be a fee for conditional registration and third party insurance of around $230 per vehicle for 12 months.

Appropriate levels of public liability insurance will be required.

Segways are allowed in several jurisdictions, but the Northern Territory Government has aligned their public use in a similar way to the Tasmanian model in specified public areas only.

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