Media Release

Matt Conlan
Minister for Transport

Transit safety keeping you safe

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Minister for Transport, Matt Conlan, today launched the ‘Transit Safety Keeping You Safe’ campaign to promote better behaviour on public transport and raise awareness of new safety initiatives.

Mr Conlan said that in the past few days there had been some disgusting behaviour seen on Darwin’s bus network.

“On Tuesday night we saw a senseless attack on a Darwin bus driver who was just trying to do his job. Enough is enough,” Mr Conlan said.

In September last year the Country Liberals Government agreed to all recommendations from the Department of Transport’s report on risk assessment of security on the public transport network.

As of today, 18 of the 25 recommendations have been implemented and the remaining seven are due for completion later this year.

“The Territory Government has allocated an additional $1.07 million towards placing private security guards at our major bus interchanges and employing a further two full-time Transit Officers to keep the network safe.

“Transit Officers work closely with Police and the community to make sure our public transport system is safe.

“We want anyone who gets on a Darwin bus to feel safe. Physical and verbal assault will not be tolerated.

“An idea raised in recent days has been that of installing driver security cages on all Darwin buses. My Department is in discussion with both operators about installing these cages.

“Keeping passengers and bus drivers safe and secure on our Public Transport network is a key priority for the Northern Territory Government.”

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