New protective window film set to increase safety of bus travellers

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The Northern Territory Government will provide $91,000 to fit all Darwin and Alice Springs public buses with protective window film.

Minister for Transport Peter Chandler said this investment will increase the protection for passengers and bus drivers from bus windows shattering.

“The safety of passengers and bus drivers working and travelling on Darwinbus and Alice Springs bus networks is a priority of the Country Liberals Government,” Mr Chandler said.

“The increasing number of rock throwing incidents and the high risk of injury to passengers, drivers and other road users is something that the government takes extremely seriously.

“I am frustrated and disappointed with these offenders that continue to put the lives of innocent people at risk.

“We are working with Police and other stakeholders to identify and locate offenders and put a stop to this.

“Rock throwing is a dangerous criminal act and it can cause serious injury or a road accident.”

The fit-out has begun and is being applied to all existing public transport buses operated by both Territory Transit and Buslink in Darwin and Alice Springs.

“Tint-a-Car is doing a fantastic job, with the fit out of the 70 buses due for completion in mid-March,” Mr Chandler said.

“The film will not stop a window breaking, however it will prevent glass shattering inside the cabin of the bus.

Mr Chandler urges the public to report all incidents of rock throwing to the authorities.

“If you see a rock throwing incident occur or are victim to one, please contact the Police.

“Police appreciate notification of occurrences and any other information that could assist in bringing offenders to task.”

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