Expressions of interest will be called tomorrow for the permanent membership of the Commercial Passenger Vehicle (CPV) Board.

The Minister for Transport, Kon Vatskalis, announced the formation of an interim board in May, as part of major reforms to the industry.

"We are now seeking all interested stakeholders for a permanent board, that will act in an advisory role while also having specific powers in relation to areas such as driver training and standards," Mr Vatskalis said.

Mr Vatskalis said the permanent board will comprise of the following membership:

- one representative from the taxi industry;
- one representative from the minibus industry;
- one representative from the private hire car/limousine/special function vehicle/courtesy vehicle industry;
- one representative of disability groups;
- three representatives from the tourism/general community sector;
- one representative of indigenous groups;
- one representative from drivers; and
- one representative of regional operators.

A permanent Chair of the Commercial Passenger Vehicle (CPV) Board will also need to be appointed.

"This will be the final step in this reform package, as the Territory’s commercial passenger vehicle industry moves towards a sustainable future delivering a high standard service to all.

All interested parties are encouraged to apply for the permanent Board, with submissions closing 6 October 2003.