MORE WI-FI SWITCHED ON FOR DARWIN BUSES

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Free wi-fi has been activated on a further five public buses in Darwin, doubling the number of buses fitted with the service.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said wi-fi allows commuters to use their valuable time in a more productive way when travelling on buses.

“Wi-fi enables bus users to catch up on daily news, check their emails and look at their favourite social media sites,” Mr Giles said.

“Smart phones, iPads and Android tablets are part of daily life for Territorians, and wi-fi on buses shows the Northern Territory Government’s commitment to developing Darwin as a technologically smart city.

“The wi-fi-enabled buses will help build a public bus network compatible with the demand for quick access to information.

“The new buses have been switched on today, meaning there are now 10 buses equipped with wi-fi in the Darwin area, travelling a variety of routes,” Mr Giles said.

Every passenger is limited to a daily wi-fi consumption of 90 minutes, or 100 megabytes, whichever is consumed first.

Wi-fi was installed at the Darwin, Casuarina and Palmerston interchanges and on five Darwin buses in February 2013 and activated on all Alice Springs buses earlier this month.

The installation cost and the first 12 months of internet access, support and maintenance is $50,000. The subsequent annual cost of internet access, support and maintenance for each bus is $2,500.

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