Nicole Manison
Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Driving towards ride-sharing in the Territory

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Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics Minister Nicole Manison said today Territorians would have access to increased commercial passenger choices to get them home this time next festive season with work on the introduction of ride-sharing continuing on track.

Ms Manison said bringing ridesharing to the Territory was an election commitment by Territory Labor.

“The industry-wide Ridesharing Steering Committee has met three times since November to address issues on bringing ridesharing to the Territory, and the development of a workable commercial vehicle model.

“We want to ensure we have a strong taxi industry in the future as well as ridesharing in the NT.

“The recent Ridesharing Survey, which canvassed a range of issues such as safety and security including inspections and criminal history checks, regulation and licencing fees, attracted 3,200 responses.

“Of those participating in the survey, 75 per cent indicated they would use a ridesharing service when available in the Territory,” Ms Manison said.

A final report from the 20-member steering committee will incorporate the feedback gained through the survey and is expected to be provided to Government in early 2017.

Ms Manison ensuring the long-term competitiveness and sustainability of the commercial passenger vehicle industry is a priority in this process.

“The important work of the Steering Committee is making sure we put the right conditions in place to have a strong commercial passenger vehicle sector as well as ride-sharing.

“The work done so far by the steering committee has been consultative both with the general public and across the commercial passenger industry,” Ms Manison said.
The Steering Committee includes drivers, taxi operators, the Taxi Council, minibus and private hire industries, and organisations representing the disability, indigenous, youth, and seniors sectors as well as the Transport Workers’ Union, business groups, economic experts and Uber.

Territorians can expect ridesharing to be operating in the Territory in the second part of 2017.

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