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Commercial Passenger Vehicle Review Synopsis Released

Minister for Transport Gerry McCarthy today released the synopsis of the Fivenines Review of the Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry (CPV) which includes taxis, private hire cars and mini buses.

"I am in the process of considering the detail of the review ahead of further consultation with all sectors within the industry, Mr McCarthy said.

"The NT Government decided to undertake a review of the Commercial Passenger Vehicle industry in late 2007.

"The aim of this review was to develop a strategic plan for the sector to further assist long term development.

"The review has raised a number of issues and recommendations from its consultancy and I now look forward to working with the industry to develop these further."

The key recommendations from the review are the basis for the further consultation are:

- To declare three licence categories instead of the current nine;
- To create a long term industry investment fund which will provide for training, equity of access and some physical infrastructure;
- To reduce gradually "the cap ratio" in order to better match demand for supply of taxis;
- To introduce a rigorous, standards based accreditation regime that ensures only suitably capable and established entities can become CPV operators and drivers.

"I am also considering the restructure the CPV Board to ensure representation of taxis, private hire cars, chartered and bus sector operators, as well as passenger and driver groups.

"It is intended that consultations will held during May in Darwin and Alice Springs.

"I would urge all members of the CPV industry to take this opportunity to have their say on a blueprint to shape the direction and future of the industry, Mr McCarthy said.

The synopsis is available at www.nt.gov.au/transport

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