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## **GOVT SPONSORS ROAD SAFETY SONG COMPETITION**

The Government is to sponsor a road safety song competition at next month's Barunga Festival.

Infrastructure and Transport Minister Dr Chris Burns said the competition will promote awareness of key road safety messages in Indigenous communities throughout the Territory.

"The Government is offering \$2000 for the best song, plus \$1000 for the runner-up," Dr Burns said.

"The winning songs will be recorded for wide distribution, so this is a great opportunity for upcoming bands to gain exposure."

The Barunga festival has long been recognised as a premier sports and cultural festival for Indigenous people, and many NT visitors and tourists attend.

Bands are being asked to compose an original road safety song, and compete in a play-off during the festival on Saturday 10 June 2006.

Dr Burns said the key road safety messages include wearing seatbelts and watching out for pedestrians, not drink driving, and not overcrowding vehicles or riding in the back of utes.

"The song competition will get the message out at the community level in a form that people really connect with," Dr Burns said.

"We hope that the bands will build these songs into their regular routines."

For more information, visit [www.roadsafety.nt.gov.au](http://www.roadsafety.nt.gov.au)

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