

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT MEDIA RELEASE

Delia Lawrie

Transport Minister

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Red Light Camera Trial To Begin

A red light camera will be tested in Darwin from next week with nine cameras to be installed across the greater Darwin region if the trial is successful.

Transport Minister, Delia Lawrie said the introduction of red light cameras across the Territory was recommended by the Road Safety Taskforce to reduce the Territory's unacceptable road toll.

"Running red lights results in accidents and deaths, dangerous drivers put lives at risk," said Ms Lawrie.

"One Territorian is killed and 9 seriously injured on our roads each week and many of the accidents are preventable.

"A survey by the Road Safety Taskforce found at some intersections more than 250 drivers ran a red light within 24 hours.

"This is highly dangerous driving behaviour. Every time a driver runs a red light innocent lives are put at risk, it's an accident waiting to happen.

"It's very simple, red lights mean stop and red light cameras are designed to enforce this simple road rule.

"If people stop running red lights our roads will be safer," said Ms Lawrie.

The first camera has been installed at BP Palms intersection and is expected to be in test mode next week.

Over the one month trial period no infringement notices will be issued and on successful completion of the trial 8 more cameras will be installed across Darwin.

A \$963 000 tender has gone out to Red Flex Traffic Systems to install the cameras.

“The company has given a product performance guarantee that they will work in the heat and humidity of Darwin, they are already operating successfully in Singapore.”

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Proposed Red Light Camera Sites

1. BP Palms/ Deviney Road.
2. Stuart Highway / Woolner - inbound.
3. Stuart Highway/ Woolner - outbound.
4. Bagot Road/ McMillans Road McMillans Road - inbound (left turn lane)
5. Stuart Highway/ Berrimah Road – inbound.
6. Bagot Road/ McMillans Road – inbound.
7. Stuart Highway/ Westralia Street – inbound.
8. Stuart Highway/ Berrimah Road – outbound.
9. Trower Road/ Rapid Creek Road – inbound.