

**THE HEART.
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**Transport SECTOR MEETING
Wednesday 10 June TCA Boardroom**

Meeting Commenced 10:00 am

ATTENDANCE: Warwick Rock (APT), Andrew Bridges (P&WL), Andy Hood (TNT), Phil Taylor (Wayoutback), Denise Gamon (On Tour) Jill Catchlove (P&WL), Tia McMullen, Peter Grigg (TCA)

APOLOGIES: Jo-Anne Harkin (TNT), Kevin Reid (Central Car rentals), Wayne Thompson (Dysons), Brett Hill (ATA)

CHAIRPERSON: Warwick Rock (APT)

MINUTES: Merrilyn McIver (TCA)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting were dispersed to the meeting's attendees.

A motion was put forward that minutes of the May 2009 meeting were accepted.

Moved: Tia McMullen

Seconded: Denise Gamon

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

GM briefed committee. Discussed and agreed

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Andrew Bridges raised the following matters:

- 3a. Devils Marbles name change request from traditional owners. P&WL requesting any objections to this proposal. General consensus of meeting is no objections. The Pebbles have also a name change and now sign posted.
- 3b. Garden of Eden swimming closure proposal - general view of industry requested. On Tour agree with closure. Wayoutback also supports, but need to promote/educate overseas prior to travellers arriving. Need to treat each waterhole individually. There are water quality concerns and draft guidelines on waterholes may come into play. Tia advised they do not encourage swimming at Kings Canyon. Suggested a viewing area be constructed in lieu of swimming. Guides also need to be educated to discourage swimming. Andrew also advised of cigarette butt problem and P&WL considering a receptacle and signage around that area.

- 3c. Tour Operator Permit System – if vehicles do not have a sticker on, P&W do follow up with that Operator. Interstate Operators usually register on arrival. 6 letters sent out last year to non stickered operators. Majority are checked up on are registered but not displaying sticker. On the spot fines coming into play if stickers not displayed. Around 100 permitted operators around the country. P&WL do their best to regulate this concern. Peter advised this problem is of major concern because of cost and a fine of considerable amount and being asked to leave the park, should be instigated. Andrew advised limited according to legislation but is encouraged that only 6 interstate companies last year were not permitted. P&W will follow up any matters reported by tourism operators. Tia advised stickers are not long lasting and require replacing. Discussion on placement of stickers on windows – as long as clearly visible advised.
- 3d. Peter : Palm Valley road needs P&WL NT strong support with TCA and local operators that DPI need to do something about the road.
- 3e. Phil Taylor: re hire cars not paying any permit fees to visit parks. Andrew is discussing with Darwin. Consensus of meeting agreed with this proposal for all visitors to pay something towards. Suggested FIT camping sites available plus designated areas for tour operators.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Round the table:

Next Meeting: 8th July 2009 10:00 TCA Boardroom.

Meeting closed at 12:00 noon