



## Petition

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Title	INTRASTATE TRAVEL ENTITLEMENTS FOR NT PENSIONER CONCESSION AND CARER SCHEME, SENIOR CARD HOLDERS
Presented on	1 December 2010
Presented by	Mr Styles
Referred to	Senior Territorians (Knight)
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Response presented	23 June 2011

### Petition

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

**INTRASTATE TRAVEL ENTITLEMENTS FOR NT PENSIONER  
CONCESSION AND CARER SCHEME, SENIOR CARD HOLDERS**

We, the undersigned, respectfully call upon the Territory Government to reverse its decision to exclude intrastate travel entitlements from the Scheme.

Your petitioners respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory urgently take the necessary steps to allow the scheme to include intrastate destinations within the Northern Territory.

### Response

The NTPCCS Travel Concession was introduced as a mechanism to encourage seniors to remain in the Northern Territory during their retirement years by providing them a mechanism to maintain contact with friends and family who reside interstate and overseas. This concession was later expanded to allow frail Territorians who find travel difficult, to use this concession to bring a family member or friend to the Northern Territory to visit them. Intra-Territory travel has never formed part of the NTPCCS travel concession and there are no plans to alter the scheme to include this as it is not in keeping with the aim of the concession.

The NTPCCS aims to assist the majority of members with the basic cost of living and is the most generous scheme in Australia when the combination of benefits is taken into account.