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Minister for Justice

WARNING FOR CONSUMERS ABOUT TRAVEL SEMINAR

Territorians are being urged to contact Consumer Affairs before signing any contracts with Queensland Company 'Club Global' who have begun hosting travel seminars in the Territory.

The first seminar scheduled in Nhulunbuy tomorrow night will be monitored by Consumer Affairs officers.

Justice Minister Dr Peter Toyne said the activities of Club Global have been under scrutiny before and consumers should carefully investigate offers posed, particularly if they sound too good to be true.

In the past Club Global have contacted Territorians via telephone to advise they had "won" a holiday package. A facsimile was then forwarded to the recipient inviting them to the seminar.

To be eligible to claim their "free" holiday, the recipient must attend the Club Global seminar and must be accompanied by their partner.

"Club Global has come to the attention of other jurisdictions for using similar methods to lure people to their seminars."

"The Territory's Office of Consumer Affairs will closely monitor this seminar and any other activities being undertaken by Club Global in the Northern Territory."

Dr Toyne said Territorians should avoid signing any contracts at seminars of this nature.

"The best advice is to take your time to consider the ramifications of signing a contract and, if in doubt, seek independent advice."

Consumer Affairs can be contacted seven days a week via 8999 1999 or toll free 1800 019 319.