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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### TROPIC WINGS AHEAD OF THE FLEET FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Tropic Wings Cairns Tours & Charters is doing its part for the environment by bringing the first 100% full electric bus into Australia's tourism industry.

The coach company is part of The Woodward Family CaPTA Group based in Cairns, which has always had a strong focus on ecotourism and sustainability, with conservation efforts across its attractions ranging from recycling to utilising solar panels and tree planting initiatives.

The new Yutong E12 is environmentally friendly with zero emissions, and will be in use for the popular Tropic Wings Day Tours between Cairns and Rainforestation Nature Park, Kuranda as early as July this year.

The guests will be able to enjoy the surrounding scenery of the Kuranda Range in the air-conditioned comfort of the almost silent bus.

Charging stations will be installed at the Tropic Wings Coach Depot in this first step to a greener future with the group's vehicle fleet, whilst planning for the installation of solar panels the CaPTA Group head office and Coach Depot has also begun.

CaPTA Managing Director Peter Woodward said the project has been in the pipeline for quite some time, with coach manufacturer Yutong testing the coaches, and The CaPTA Group's assistance introducing the trials to Australia.

"Australia is so far behind when it comes to eco-sustainability – companies can make a big difference and shouldn't just wait for government to make changes," he said.

"As a large tourism business, we feel a personal, ethical responsibility to be more environmentally sustainable, and this is another step in the right direction."

"Whilst the initial upfront costs of the vehicles are substantial, our research has shown that the savings on fuel and maintenance will make this a viable business opportunity, and the positive impact on the environment alone makes it a worthwhile investment," he said.



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Locally owned and operated Tropic Wings is the longest established coach tour operator in Tropical North Queensland, providing quality Kuranda and Cape Tribulation tours since 1981.

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