

Cassidy dodges fans

FEWER than 500 fans greeted David Cassidy at Auckland yesterday.

And most of them saw only a blurred image as Cassidy was driven round the airport terminal in a bus.

Airport authorities gave Cassidy V.I.P. treatment usually reserved for diplomats. He was cleared of Customs formalities on the aircraft and didn't have to enter the passenger terminal.

He climbed from the DC10 onto a coach which drove the waving singer past the sightseers concourse to the front of the terminal.

Sleep

The fans didn't get within hair-tearing distance and Cassidy was whisked off to the Airport Inn two miles away where he transferred to a black American limousine for the journey to the Hotel Inter-Continental.

There he clambered into bed for a "24-hour" sleep.

Cassidy said he wanted to have a look at Rotorua today, weather permitting.

But his Tuesday night open-concert at Auckland's Eden Park has been cancelled on the advice of weather forecasters.

Instead he will do two shows in the Town Hall on Wednesday night before leaving for Sydney on the next leg of his world tour.