



Policy for release of CARS data

Introduction

The Comprehensive Auto-theft Research System (CARS) is the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council's (NMVTRC) database of vehicle theft information.

CARS integrates information from:

- All Australian state and territory police services;
- Australia's leading motor vehicle theft insurers;
- All Australian state and territory vehicle registration authorities; and
- Other vehicle and statistical related sources.

CARS data is collected for the purpose of the NMVTRC's reporting on motor vehicle theft in Australia. It assists in highlighting the issue of theft publicly and amongst NMVTRC stakeholders, supports vehicle theft related research, provides the ability to evaluate existing theft policies and technologies, and facilitates an evidence-based approach to responding to emerging theft methodologies.

CARS data is copyright to the NMVTRC.

Background

The NMVTRC is an initiative of all Australian governments and the insurance industry. Its stakeholders include:

- Insurers
- Police
- Motor vehicle manufacturers
- Motoring organisations
- Government justice, crime prevention, roads and registration authorities
- The motor trade industries

Demand for data from CARS has grown since the system's inception in 2000 and the NMVTRC frequently receives requests for information to be used for purposes other than that which the data is collected.

Stakeholder organisations contributing data to CARS do so on the understanding that the data will be used by the NMVTRC or released to stakeholders only for purposes of further vehicle theft reduction reform.



Policy for the Release of CARS data

CARS data is available to stakeholders of the NMVTRC and is only available for the purposes of:

- developing, supporting and evaluating vehicle theft related policy, procedures and technologies;
- educating their constituents about vehicle theft and highlighting the issue of vehicle theft amongst appropriate media channels; and
- supporting police and insurer vehicle theft investigations.

The data is not available:

- to non-stakeholder individuals or organisations, unless
 - the NMVTRC deems that the provision of data has a clear theft reduction benefit to the NMVTRC and its stakeholders; or
 - the data is publicly available on the NMVTRC's Car-Safe website and the user abides by the site's stated conditions of copyright; or
- for commercial purposes or any other purpose unless directly requested by a stakeholder organisation to facilitate an end purpose as outlined above.

In most circumstances non-personal, aggregated data will be provided. In some circumstances where a specific purpose, consistent with those outlined above, can be demonstrated and where aggregate data is not suitable for the purpose, non-personal unit data may be provided at the discretion of the NMVTRC.

The NMVTRC reserves the right to provide cleaned unit data back to the original provider of that data or their nominee.

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