

# MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT FACTS



Nationally there were an average of **144** thefts per day in 2017/18.



It is estimated that **one in every 143 WA households** experienced a motor vehicle theft in 2017/18. (This compares to 1 in 182 households nationally).



The number of profit motivated PLC thefts in 2017/18 is almost equivalent to the number of PLC registrations in **postcode 2300 (Newcastle, NSW)**.



The total estimated value of profit motivated plant and equipment thefts in 2017/18 was **\$23 million** and heavy truck were worth a further **\$12 million**.



There were **115 different motorcycle makes** stolen in 2017/18 compared to 98 in 2007/08. This adds to the complexity of motorcycle investigation and recovery.



The CARS theft risk rating of almost 1,000 different PLC make/model combinations reveals that **44%** had a medium or high risk of theft in 2017/18.



If each car had half a tank of petrol when it was stolen, the profit motivated PLC thefts also involved almost **\$400,000** worth of stolen petrol in 2017/18. This is enough to drive 3.0 million kms or 75 times around the world.



On average, an estimated **69** passenger and light commercial vehicles are **stolen and exported** from Australia each week.



**1 in 4** vehicle fires attended by NSW fire authorities in 2016/17 were stolen vehicles.



Nationally there are nearly **1.7 million** registered PLCs with **no immobiliser** making them less secure than newer vehicles.



An estimated **43 PLCs** are stolen each week in Australia and illegally **converted to scrap metal**.



If all the vehicles stolen and not recovered in Australia in 2017/18 were parked end to end they would create a traffic jam stretching **68 kms** or the distance from Sydney to Gosford.