

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT FACTS



Nationally there were an average of **147** thefts per day in 2018.



It is estimated that **one in every 125 WA households** experienced a motor vehicle theft in 2018. (This compares to 1 in 165 households nationally).



The number of profit motivated PLC thefts in 2018 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 **\$20 million** and heavy truck were worth a further **\$15 million**.



There were **115 different motorcycle makes** stolen in 2018 compared to 101 in 2008. 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 **45%** 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 **\$413,000** worth of stolen petrol in 2018. This is enough to drive 3.0 million kms or 78 times around the world.



On average, an estimated **72** passenger and light commercial vehicles are **stolen and exported** from Australia each week.



1 in 4 vehicle fires attended by NSW fire authorities in 2017/18 were stolen vehicles.



Nationally there are nearly **1.6 million** registered PLCs with **no immobiliser** making them less secure than newer vehicles.



An estimated **45 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 **71 kms** or the distance from Sydney to Gosford.