There have been strong five year reductions in PLC thefts in Tasmania (-24%), Northern Territory (-21%), New South Wales (-15%), Western Australia (-6%) and South Australia (-4%).

Increases were recorded in Queensland (+56%), Australian Capital Territory (+52%) and Victoria (+15%).

Motorcycle thefts increased in most jurisdictions between 2014 and 2018. Large increases were recorded in New South Wales (+33%), Queensland (+22%), Victoria (+16%), South Australia (+15%) and Tasmania (+8%).

By contrast, Western Australia (-15%) and the Australian Capital Territory (-8%) recorded reductions.

Overall ‘other vehicle’ thefts have reduced by 21% over the last five years with reductions in four jurisdictions including Western Australia (-58%), Northern Territory (-54%), New South Wales (-38%) and South Australia (-8%).

Large increases were record in Victoria (+31%) and Tasmania (+26%).

53% of motor vehicle thefts were stolen from a residential location followed by 26% from the street.

On average passenger & light commercial vehicles stolen in 2018 were recovered 29 kms away, which is 3 kms further than vehicles stolen in 2014.

Motorcycles were recovered 16 kms away from the theft location in 2018 compared to 29 kms for passenger & light commercial vehicles.

The estimated average vehicle value of PLCs stolen increased from $10,826 in 2014 to $12,268 in 2018.

The value of PLCs stolen in 2018 in Australia = $524 million