

# MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT FACTS



Nationally there were an average of **154** thefts per day in 2019/20.



It is estimated that **one in every 135 QLD households** experienced a motor vehicle theft in 2019/20. (This compares to 1 in 174 households nationally).



The number of profit motivated thefts in 2019/20 is almost equivalent to the number of PLC registrations in **postcode 2000 (Sydney, NSW)**.



The total estimated value of profit motivated plant and equipment thefts in 2019/20 was **\$18 million** and heavy truck were worth a further **\$20 million**.



There were **113 different motorcycle makes** stolen in 2019/20 compared to 93 in 2009/10. This adds to the complexity of motorcycle investigation and recovery.



The CARS theft risk rating of almost 1,100 different PLC make/model combinations reveals that **50%** had a medium or high risk of theft in 2019/20.



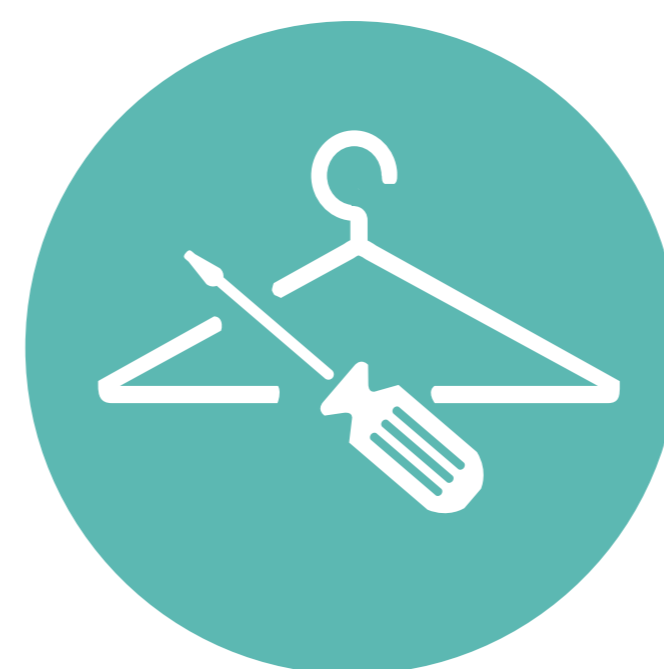
If each car had half a tank of petrol when it was stolen, the profit motivated PLC thefts also involved **\$509,000** worth of stolen petrol in 2019/20. This is enough to drive 3.84 million kms or 96 times around the world.



On average, an estimated **76** passenger and light commercial vehicles are **stolen and exported** from Australia each week.



**1 in 5** vehicle fires attended by NSW fire authorities in 2018/19 were stolen vehicles.



Nationally there are nearly **1.4 million** registered PLCs with **no immobiliser** making them less secure than newer vehicles.



An estimated **48 PLCs** are stolen each week in Australia and illegally **converted to scrap metal**.



If all the vehicles stolen and not recovered in Australia in 2019/20 were parked end to end they would create a traffic jam stretching **73 kms** or the distance from Sydney to Gosford.