

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT FACTS



Nationally there were an average of **135** thefts per day in 2020.



It is estimated that **one in every 149 QLD households** experienced a motor vehicle theft in 2020. (This compares to 1 in 198 households nationally).



The number of profit motivated thefts in 2020 is almost equivalent to the number of PLC registrations in **postcode 3400 (Horsham, VIC)**.



The total estimated value of profit motivated plant and equipment thefts in 2020 was **\$19.0 million** and heavy truck were worth a further **\$16.0 million**.



There were **115 different motorcycle makes** stolen in 2020 compared to 98 in 2010. This adds to the complexity of motorcycle investigation and recovery.



The CARS theft risk rating of 1,089 different PLC make/model combinations reveals that **42%** had a medium or high risk of theft in 2020.



If each car had half a tank of petrol when it was stolen, the profit motivated PLC thefts also involved **\$419,000** worth of stolen petrol in 2020. This is enough to drive 3.2 million kms or 79 times around the world.



On average, an estimated **63** 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 **1.3 million** registered PLCs with **no immobiliser** making them less secure than newer vehicles.



An estimated **39 PLCs** are stolen each week in Australia and illegally **converted to scrap metal**.



If all the vehicles stolen and not recovered in Australia in 2020 were parked end to end they would create a traffic jam stretching **61 kms** or the distance from Sydney to Penrith.