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In recent times Queensland has been going through a massive car stealing spree and unfortunately it cost a car owner mentally physically and financially at the same time it cost government agencies valuable resources and time.

Your idea of installing immobiliser is a good idea but it may not possible to install on every vehicle due to technical difficulties of older vehicle model but just a small change on TMRs rego check app can change the car stealing game altogether and it will save costly police pursuit or monitoring police , if you allow police or TMR authority to change the rego status to STOLEN as soon its lawful owner report it stolen.

once it marked as a stolen you are denying a thieves hiding spot , public will do them wherever they park that could be a shopping centre could be next door neighbour restaurant or while driving wherever they parked police will know the location of the vehicle and description of the person driving without leaving their desk all police will need to do is asses the data and calculate the offenders exact location and and say hello them while he/she is in home.

Now there is a side affect to it like a bit of mob mentality from public or DVA issue where one partner mark as a stolen to harm or harass others this rate will outweigh the good and ease it will do for the community and there will be hike of call on 000 or crime stoppers or police links but eventually it will reduce as people will stop stealing car altogether because its inconvenient for them to move around with a stolen vehicle.

Secondly there is a market for stolen vehicle police can impose heavy fine to wreckers who currently deny that they don't know its a stolen vehicle and public will report if anyone advertise any stolen vehicle of gumtree or facebook market place. a petrol station attendant can quickly run a rego check before they authorise petrol this will reduce petrol drive off or they can lock themselves in and call 000 if they see anyone parking a stolen vehicle in front of their shop and save them from a robbery. If you want to make it more effective add the colour of the vehicle on that app this will reduce the stealing of number plate , thieves can match same vehicle but matching to same colour will be a chance in a million.

My second suggestion is regulate the workshop scrap yard wrecking yard and metal recyclers Its super easy to open up a workshop or wrecking yard or scrapping yard and unfortunately while many of them doing business by abiding laws but unfortunately criminal enterprises uses these businesses to drug smuggling supplying manufacturing money laundering rackets which affects tax paying law abiding businesses as well as community at large due to the crime spree happens as an aftereffect.

If government have a body who can see what are the vehicles these wrecking yard scrapping in other words are they genuinely wrecking a written off vehicle or they are wrecking stolen vehicle, this data can be obtained from the wreckers because the moment they purchase a vehicle if they must submit it to the government body of that vehicle VIN number and seller details.

At the moment anyone with little bit mechanical knowledge by opening an ABN and registering a company with ASIC can start wrecking a vehicle inside their own house or industrial shed and loading in a container and export it overseas without asking any question , this leaves an unfair fields for any legitimate businesses who adhere to workplace health and safety practices , environmental law and employ staff and pay proper taxes at the same time it indirectly encourages car theft.

Because thieves know that once they enjoy the car for couple of weeks they can still get some dollar value for it if they can deliver the vehicle in certain places and police will never know where its gone. If Queensland government set up a authority body who will see automotive industry at large who can check the suitability of a person or their business proposal before they getting approval and six month's or one year later they can go and check if they are still on track or not and if needed cancel their license to open up another shop or wrecking yard , this inspection or monitoring will reduce the workload of QPS and will make Queensland a more safer place and it will help existing law abiding businesses with less competition and will discourage car rebirthing racket to open up shops in Queensland. Currently due to lack of monitoring there are lot of wrecking yard popping up all around brisbane which is where all the stolen cars ends up and successfully disappear from polices radar, these businesses do not engage with public who claims that they send their car to overseas in container now the market they are sending their product which is middleast or Africa their steering is

different than Australia even the wrecked car is expensive to buy and process here in Australia than the middle east and yet these businesses makes huge profit is a questionable act here is a simple example a wrecked car here in Australian market cost around \$500 to \$1500 same car you can buy in local dubai market or anywhere in middle east for 500 dirham(local currency) which is about \$150 in Australian currency and they don't have shipping cost or any tax to pay anyone coupled with cheap labour, now I always ponder how they make money out of it answer is a)Stolen car , b)Drugs , c)Money laundering scheme. My sincere hope Queensland government regulate the industry which contributes to crime in the society by regulating this industry it will create jobs and revenue for Queensland government making Queensland a safer place and give legitimate businesses a fair go. My third suggestion is ban re-registration of written off vehicle in Queensland

Its a known fact here in Australia is that there are certain repair cost exceeds the actual value of the car and that's the point an insurer write off a vehicle and car thieves uses this opportunity to sell a stolen vehicle parts to a WOV owner , if you ban to sell a written off vehicle you are hitting a stolen vehicle market. indirectly.

My fourth suggestion regarding RWC or safety certificate approval holders

Most AIS or approval holders are industry expert but currently there is no measure or gauge to check the knowledge about legislation or standards of approval holders my suggestion is TMR can organise training course or workshop for a small fee to new approval holders where they learn about vehicle standards and legislation that way everyone can come up with same outcome where as currently one inspector failed and another inspector passed the same item. or fail the vehicle with a complete new issue.

This can be avoided if TMR organise training and allow vehicle inspector to attach photo of the vehicle or failed item on each and every RWC so that the next inspector can see exactly what has been failed and it will allow TMR to issue heavy fine if anyone breach the law and pass it without rectifying the problem failed in first inspection this will this photo attachment will reduce car parts exchange or kilometre tempering drama where a person pass a vehicle with a good set of tyre and while handing it over they give inferior quality tyre and sells tyre separately same goes for other car parts.

Queensland is a beautiful and safe place to live and work above mentioned ideas will make Queensland even more safer place will create jobs and will help businesses to thrive.

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