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Australia’s Securest Cars Named

The Police Minister Chris Burns today helped unveil some of Australia’s most secure vehicles.

Dr Burns joined Ray Carroll, the Executive Director of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council to unveil seven cars with the most advanced features to outsmart car thieves.

Dr Burns also outlined some NT Police initiatives that have resulted in significant reductions in car thefts over the past six years.

"In the period of May 2001 to April 2002, there were 1063 vehicles stolen in the Territory. In the same period, five years later, that figure had fallen by 21% to 842*," he said.

"NT Police undertake several initiatives to ensure car theft continues to fall. These include a core of 20 officers Territory-wide who have undertaken specialist training in the investigation of vehicle theft; the targeting of repeat car thieves and the identification of locations or hot spots where car thefts are most likely to occur.

"The NT Police Force is also a member of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council.

"In addition, through the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, the Northern Territory maintains strict compliance with the National Exchange of Vehicle and Driver Information System, which provides information between jurisdictions to help combat the "higher" end of vehicle theft, and prevent "re-birthing" of stolen motor vehicles.

"Of course the work of the NT Police is supported by advancements in technology that have resulted in more secure doors and locks, better alarms and engine immobilisers and enhanced vehicle identification."

As a result of some of these advancements Australia’s most secure vehicles in 2007 are:

- **small car** category—the Volkswagen Polo, 5-door Hatch;
- **medium car** class—the Subaru Liberty;
- **large car** group—the Mitsubishi 380 Sedan;
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- luxury car class—the Audi A8;
- compact SUV class—the BMW X3, 3.0i 5-door Wagon;
- large SUV group—the Audi Q7, 5-door Wagon; and
- commercial vehicle category—the Volkswagen Caddy Cargo Van

* Source: National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council

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