



## Queensland Vehicle Immobiliser Subsidy Trial

In the 2023-24 State Budget released on 13 June 2023, \$10 million has been allocated for a trial to subsidise the cost for Queensland car owners to install vehicle immobilisers.

**Trial locations will include Cairns, Townsville, and Mount Isa**, with 20,000 subsidy vouchers valued at up to \$500 each to be made available later this year.

The trial will focus on the installation of 'pin-pad' immobilisers and 'vehicle-mounted sequence' immobilisers and will include devices that also can 'remote immobilise' when a vehicle is stationary.

Eligible devices must:

- Pin-pad or vehicle-mounted sequence immobiliser, that:
  - is self-arming
  - disarms exclusively via input into a PIN pad or input of a button sequence
  - cannot be disarmed through use of a fob, key, or other physical device
  - immobilises the vehicle by interrupting at least **one** electric systems (such as the fuel pump or start motor)
  - consists of black wiring only
  - does not allow for the vehicle to be immobilised remotely while in motion
- are available for purchase in the trial locations (and across Queensland)
- can be fitted to eligible vehicles
- are subject to current Australian warranty requirements
- meet any other public safety considerations.

The following initial list of possible immobilisers for the trial, that meet the current criteria, include:

- Ghost CAN buss immobiliser
- CODE SAFE keypad engine immobiliser
- RhinoCo Immobiliser with Keypad Model No. IM007
- RhinoCo Car Immobiliser with wireless Keypad Model No. RAKP (must be wireless keypad, not fobs)
- PGM3 Digital Keypad Immobiliser, and
- Sanji Keypad Immobiliser

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has advised that the installation of PIN or vehicle-mounted sequence immobilisers would be considered a Minor or Basic modification, and therefore would not require any further approval or certification.

Noting the objective of the trial is to deliver an enhanced crime prevention tool to local community members, it is proposed that private use passenger vehicles are the key vehicle types to be eligible for inclusion in the trial.

It is proposed that only one rebate per individual would be available. The rebate would be provided to individuals via a voucher system similar to the current Queensland Government Fairplay vouchers.

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This system requires businesses supplying services to register via an online portal to enable the registration and redemption of vouchers.

The voucher system will also require persons in the trial areas to apply for a voucher accessed via an online portal. After eligibility is established, the individual presents the voucher at a registered supplier where the immobiliser is fitted. Following the fitting of the immobiliser, the registered business applies for remuneration through the relevant portal. It is expected payment to the business would occur within 24-48 hours.

MTA Queensland will release further information on the Vehicle Immobiliser Subsidy Trial, including activation dates, and confirmation of the devices available in the trial, as it becomes available.