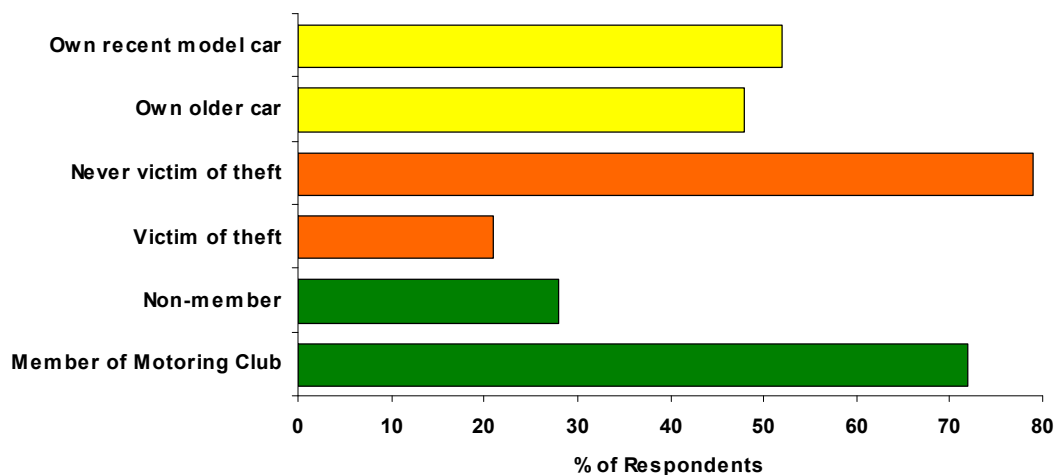


ENGINE IMMOBILISERS: A SURVEY OF AUSTRALIAN DRIVERS NOVEMBER 2005

***Engine Immobilisers: A Survey of Australian Drivers* reports on the findings of a November 2005 survey by Nexus Research of more than 1,500 drivers across the country.**

The Respondents



Of the 1,585 drivers surveyed, 72 per cent were members of their state or territory motoring club (for example: NRMA in New South Wales, RACQ in Queensland etc).

Just under half of respondents owned a car aged ten or more years old. Three quarters of older car owners reported that their car was insured.

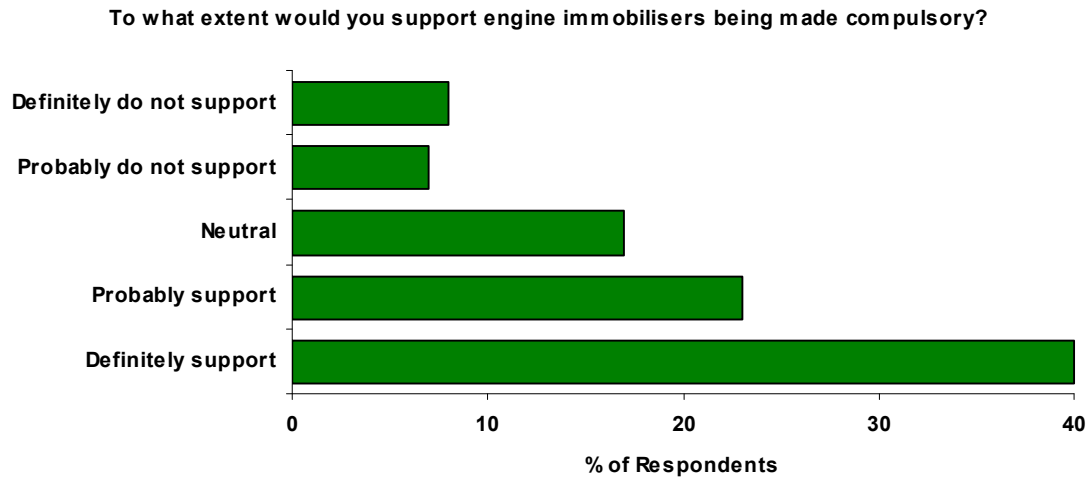
Two in every ten respondents had been a victim of theft.

Incidence of Immobilisers

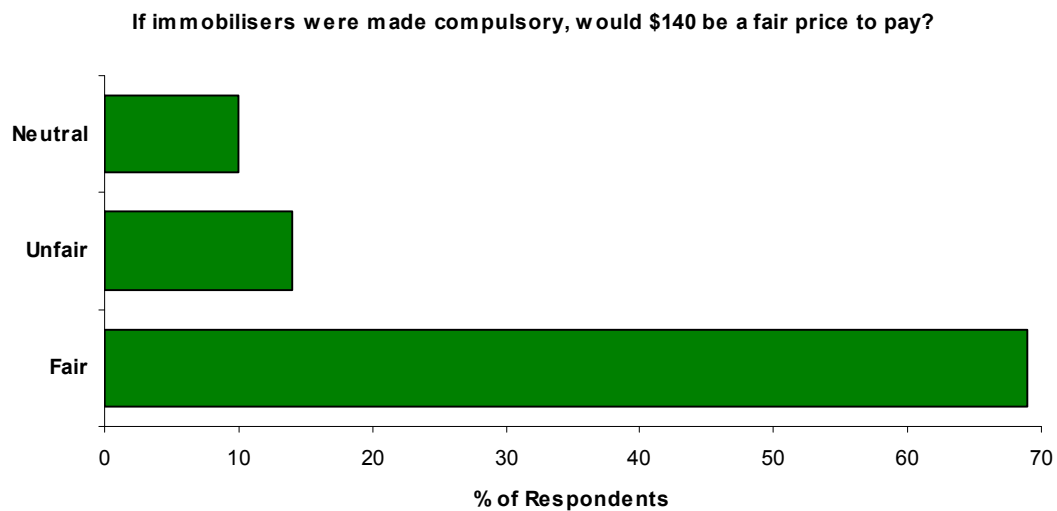
Just over half (51 per cent) of drivers reported that their car was fitted with an engine immobiliser. The highest level of immobilisation was reported in Western Australia (WA). WA has a mandatory scheme which requires passenger cars to be fitted with an immobiliser upon first time registration or change of registration.

Respondents reporting personal incomes in excess of \$80,000 were most likely to report that their car was fitted with an immobiliser with those earning less than \$20,000 the least likely.

Support for Immobilisers Being Made Compulsory



Sixty-three (63) per cent of motorists reported that they definitely or probably support the compulsory fitment of engine immobilisers, with four in ten offering definitely support. The highest level of support was reported in WA where drivers have had the experience of a mandatory scheme since 1999.



Almost seven in ten motorists reported that \$140 would be a fair price to have an immobiliser professionally fitted if the devices were made compulsory.