



## Greg Preston - MTA NSW May 2012

### **ELV Update - Notification Obligations**

The NSW written-off vehicle legislation is silent in regards to end-of-life vehicles (ELV's), it instead focuses on vehicles up to 15 years old. The regulations in general deal only with vehicles < 4.5 tonnes and only up to 15 years old, this guide applies across Australia.

As stated above, a National forum headed by National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) will be held in Melbourne on June 7 2012 focusing on the better future management of ELV's Australia wide.

This National forum will be supported and attended by APRAA State representatives as to work toward a resolution that will best benefit the industry and the environment.

Buying vehicles private or otherwise in NSW, ELV's need to be notified to the Roads and Marine Services (RMS) if less than 15 years old – The form to notify is available on the RMS website. Once recorded by RMS, the information on that form is placed on the Written-Off Vehicle Register (WOVR)

It is the view of APRA NSW that all vehicles, either written-off or ELV, should be placed on the WOVR. There should be no time limit that differentiates that class of vehicle (i.e. accident damage, flood damage, general age of the vehicle) when it is at the end of its productive life in the form of a whole vehicle.

These vehicles are then able to be resold for parts or scrap metal. Most importantly, there is an outstanding view that ELV's must to be decommissioned appropriately prior to disposal.

**MTA NSW supports a National forum to deal with this long overdue environmental issue!**