



THE GOVERNMENT OF NORFOLK ISLAND

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Roadside Checks

Motor Vehicle Registration - Compulsory Third Party Insurance

The Minister for Commerce and Industry, Chris Magri, today announced that over the next few weeks there would be a roadside campaign by Norfolk Island Police to check the registration of motor vehicles.

With the introduction of Compulsory Third Party Insurance on 16 March 2007, it is mandatory for owners of motor vehicles to take out third party personal injury insurance that will insure the owners and drivers of motor vehicles.

The Minister said, “the protection of the community by way of third party insurance is important, the legislation provides severe penalties for driving or allowing a person to drive an uninsured vehicle”.

“It is important to remember that it is the safety of the road users that is critical to this campaign” the Minister said.

In order to reduce the exposure to liability for those persons who are uninsured or who have not taken out appropriate third party insurance, it is necessary for this to be followed up with a campaign in respect of compliance with the *Road Traffic Act 1982* and in this respect the Minister sought the co-operation of all drivers.

As there are a number of motor vehicles unregistered, there will be a concerted effort by the Norfolk Island Police to inspect motor vehicles in a roadside campaign for current registration.

The co-operation of the public is also sought in the return of number plates for motor vehicles that have been abandoned or for which the registration will not be renewed. The Minister has agreed to an amnesty period of 2 months for the return of all outstanding number plates.

Any further queries in respect of this may be directed to the Police on telephone 22222 or the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Mr Allen Bataille, on telephone 23691.

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