

Submission
No 5

**NINTH REVIEW OF THE EXERCISE OF THE FUNCTIONS
OF THE
MOTOR ACCIDENTS AUTHORITY
AND THE
MOTOR ACCIDENTS COUNCIL**

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Dear Ms Robertson

I refer to your letter concerning the Eighth Review of the Motor Accidents Authority and the Motor Accidents Council, and specifically Recommendation 7 of the Review Report.

The NSW Police Force has considered the feasibility of introducing a system whereby accredited insurers are allowed electronic access to police reports on traffic incidents.

While such a system may have merit in reducing the time taken to determine insurance claims, I am advised that implementation is not operationally feasible for the NSW Police Force for the following reasons:

- the privacy of individuals could not be assured;
- the NSW Police Force could be subject to claims of preferential treatment if the information was not made available to all insurers; and
- financial and other resource considerations surrounding the development, operation and ongoing maintenance of such a system.

Yours sincerely

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