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General Insurance Industry Arson Reward Scheme

The Insurance Council today announced the ongoing commitment to the Arson Reward Scheme by the general insurance industry. The Scheme is administered by the Insurance Council in conjunction with the Federal and State Police Forces.

“The Arson Reward Scheme provides potential rewards to individuals who provide information leading to the conviction of any person for destroying or damaging property, through an act of arson,” said Insurance Council General Manager Communications, Paul Giles.

The four objectives of the scheme are:

- Provide a deterrent to arsonists;
- Prevent arson occurring;
- Provide information to assist police investigating an act of arson; and
- Provide information to assist insurance companies assess claims.

“The Scheme is an important community safety and support initiative for the insurance industry. It highlights the important role the general insurance industry plays in supporting the Australian community in identifying and managing community risks.” Mr Giles said.

Members of the community that provide Police with vital information relating to the conviction of an arsonist may, at the discretion of the insurer, be rewarded.

“Through the Arson Reward Scheme the general insurance industry is working in partnership with communities on this important issue that has detrimental effects to consumers.

Members of the Insurance Council of Australia are participants in the Scheme.

For full details of the Arson Reward Scheme visit www.insurancecouncil.com.au

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