

ARMY ORDERS MORE LANDYS

■ The Australian Army has ordered another 270 Land Rovers to supplement its present fleet of 3700 6WD and 4WD Project Perentie models.

The additional Landys, which were ordered under the terms of "follow-on buy" options in the original contract, will be used as basic infantry carriers, mainly in

Australia's far north.

The original Perentie Project was named after the desert-dwelling perentie lizard and was aimed at finding vehicles with the perentie's legendary agility in trackless terrain, its endurance and adaptability.

Project Perentie director Lt Col Lee Osborne said, "it



made sense to us to continue with Land Rovers because of their advantageous life-cycle costs. Over the life of the

vehicle in Army service — up to 20 years or more — the Land Rovers prove to be very economical."



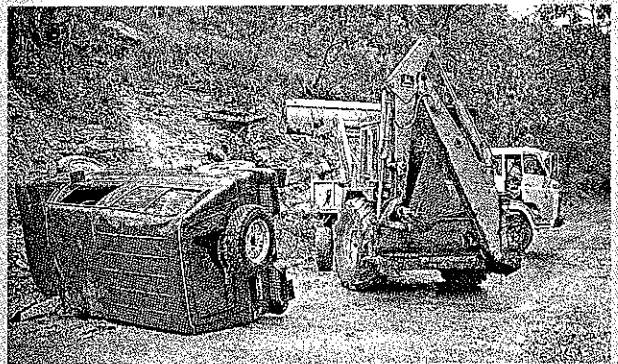
TRAPS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

■ The National Insurance Brokers Association (NIBA) has warned of potentially costly traps associated with insuring new 4WDs.

According to NIBA executive director, Mr Noel Petterson, potential owners should check the costs before buying a 4WD because insuring a 4WD

vehicle is more expensive and complicated than insuring a conventional car.

Premiums for 4WDs can cost between \$600 and \$3000 per year and some insurance companies won't insure modified 4WDs or won't cover vehicles involved in accidents off-road, Mr Petterson said.



Modifications don't have to be extensive to fall foul of your insurance company when it comes to making a

claim. "Simply buying new tyres or having the windows tinted can invalidate your policy," Mr Petterson said.