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Views on the exposure draft 'Consumer Goods (Quad Bikes) Safety Standard 2019'

Firstly, a huge congratulations to all involved in this project – the detail and overall scope of it is very impressive, and it's clear, most, if not all aspects about this issue have been analysed, and the decisions made are fair and unbiased.

In relation to second hand quad bikes, could there be some basic requirements that could be sorted by the owner, or covered when it gets serviced, so these are also made safer over the 24 month period. This could cover a certain age of quad, for example any models from year 2000 to current. They could have the extra warning labels attached, possibly an OPD fitted, and get an 'official' sign off that these measures have been taken to make it safer. Part of this plan could be is that dealers couldn't sell a second hand quad without it being brought up to the new specifications.

This could be as simple as;

- 1. The Risk of Rollover label attached
- 2. A recommended OPD fitted

Being this simple would make it possible for anyone to bring their quad up to spec, and wouldn't cost a lot in doing so. A 'second hand safety package' could be created, which would include the warning labels needed, an OPD of some sort, and a checklist to cover other areas of concern along with tips on how to ride safer.

A rebate scheme similar to what VIC and NSW are doing could be beneficial to help incentivise farmers to do this

The requirements for second hand quads may not necessarily need to be the same as what's required for new ones, but by having something in place to cater for the 200,000 + quads that are already in use would be beneficial.

Other than that, well done!

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