

To whom it may concern.

We have been a rural motorcycle and ATV dealer in central Victoria for 34 years and sold ATV' since their introduction in the mid 80's

I am writing to express my disappointment at the possibility that it will be mandatory for them to be fitted with a ROPS device.

As an experienced motorcycle and ATV rider my opinion is that these devices will in many cases increase the risk of injury to the operators and extensive independent testing also shows this to be the case.

Mandatory use of helmets would make the single biggest difference along with rider training and education.

Honda, one of our franchises, has stated on many occasions that it will pull out of the Australian ATV market all together if this becomes law, not only because the rear rack the ROPS is mounted on is not designed for the load but they will also be putting the operators at risk.

Our business, along with many other ATV dealers, will be significantly damaged without ATV's.

Yours truly

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