

Farm: Beef Cattle & Walnuts

Property: Undulating to steep. Mixture of bush & cleared.

I use a 500cc 4X4 "Grizzly" quad bike. Our farm has all the potential pitfalls for quad-bikes.

I believe a quad-bike is like any other tool on our farm. Used correctly, it is safe. Used incorrectly it can be a killer.

I agree with "Information & Education". I am averse to "legislation" as I find the "Unintended Consequences" can never be fully considered. For example, all the "Anti-roll" suggestions for quad bikes may work for the beef cattle part of our farm, but just make life much more dangerous when driving through a dense orchard (Tree spacing 7X6 meters) with all the "Branch Hook ups" etc. I have taken the roll bar off my Zero Turn 62 inch mower for this reason.

I object strongly to government thinking they care more about my (& my family's) life more than I do, & that laws can make better decisions than I can. Good intentions don't always have good outcomes.

Quad bikes are used in different ways, under different conditions by different farmers. Please allow flexibility for them to make the decisions which best fit their circumstances. Please also listen to people who actually have to live with these laws. Farmers experience is that good intentioned people make decisions about things they do not need to live with day by day, & farmers have to live with these decisions/laws every day.

Regards

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