

**Kidsafe Australia Submission to Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC)
Consumer Goods (Quad Bikes) Safety Standard 2019
Consultation**

1. Provide your views on the exposure draft 'Consumer Goods (Quad Bikes) Safety Standard 2019' in your submission below

Kidsafe Australia supports the Exposure Draft "Consumer Goods (Quad Bikes) Safety Standard 2019"

The new requirement for all quad bikes to comply with either the US or European Standard relating to quad bikes should assist in reducing the risk of death or serious injury from quad bikes. The additional requirement for standardised labelling, such as the rollover warning and the lateral roll stability tag, allows for the user to be more informed about the risks when riding quad bikes.

The requirement for operator protection devices to be fitted or integrated into the design of general use quad bikes will also improve the protection for riders in the event of a rollover incident.

2. Provide comments on the role State Governments should play, including enforcing the wearing of helmets and safety gear and making it illegal for children to ride adult quad bikes in other than supervised sporting events.

As there is no opportunity within the safety standard to set age limits or mandate the use of personal protective equipment, Kidsafe Australia supports the State and Territory Governments taking a leadership role in this area to reduce the numbers of fatalities and injuries from quad bike use.

Kidsafe Australia supports legislation that would make it illegal for children under the age of 16 to ride adult quad bikes and the mandatory wearing of helmets and safety gear for other quad bikes such as youth quad bikes.

Kidsafe Australia recommends that any legislation that is developed should have national consistency similar to the child restraint laws to ensure similar safety standards are adopted throughout Australia and not just by individual states. Kidsafe Australia would support a lead Agency being appointed to take carriage of the development of the rules similar to the role that the National Transport Commission had for the child restraint laws. Any legislation could then be enacted by the parliaments of in each state and territory.

Kidsafe Australia would also support the development of consistent safety messaging around the use of quad bikes including clarification on what is meant by 'adult supervision'.