

I oppose this recommendation. We use a quad bike for mustering and general use purposes.

Our son was injured in a quad incident while mustering on a remote property. It was attributed to hitting a pig wallow and the bone flipping end for end. This would not have been prevented by the proposed modifications. It was an accident.

Quad bikes are a necessary tool in the environment where he works and danger a constant presence. When helicopters can't get cattle out of areas, the undergrowth too low for horses or too thick for utes, and do not safe for motor bikes, ATV's are the choice. The modification would pose an increased danger to the rider as being caught by low branches increase the risk of rolling.

Rider discretion and behaviour is the most significant area of rider protection. This needs to be changed in order to reduce risks of injury. Legislation can only go so far as to protect people and common sense is no longer common.

I have rolled the quad before but that was due to my riding behaviour which I have since changed. Since then I have not rolled the quad.

Everything we do has a calculated risk which you will never be able to completely remove. A change in rider behaviour would be the most effective. From my experience I do not believe this engineering change will be 100% effective and in our sons case where he works, will increase his risk exposure. I respectfully request that more consideration be given to this issue and the proposed change may reduce some risk but increase risk also, so effectively cancelling out any real change.

Thank you

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