

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission.

On April 13, 2019, two young boys died in quad bike accidents in our country.

One of them occurred here in Hobart. The other on another rural property in WA.

The deaths of these young boys in one day were both preventable if laws are already legislated to prevent children from riding quad bike in Australia.

Enacted in 2010 in the state of Massachusetts (USA), "Sean's law" – named after Sean Kearney, an 8-year old boy who died riding a quad bike is credited for successfully reducing deaths, injuries and hospitalisations in children and young people riding quad bikes. Quad bikes in Massachusetts are restricted to those aged 14 and older. The American Academy of Pediatrics has since gone further to suggest tighter age restrictions (targeting 14 to 17-year-old riders) may be even more beneficial.

More recently, NSW Coroner has recommended criminal charges for allowing children to ride on adult quad bikes following the released of the findings into the death of Myley Maxwell (aged 6).

Quad bike safety in children must be the paramount consideration in any attempt to reduce the risk of quad bike trauma.

Quad bike and children do not mix, ever.

Laws must be strengthened to prevent any further loss of children lives in our country.

"One preventable death is one too many."

Regards,

Michael Ee

A father of two teenage sons living in Hobart, Tasmania

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Child dies in ATV accident at Meroo Meadow

Latest News

Updated June 10 2019 – 1.25pm



A 10-year-old boy has died after an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) rolled at Meroo Meadow, between Nowra and Berry, on Monday.

Emergency services were called to a private property off Devitts Lane just after 11 am on Monday, after reports of a crash.

Police have been told the boy was driving an ATV, with a 19-year-old male passenger on board, when he lost control and the vehicle flipped.

Witnesses were able to free the boy, who was trapped underneath the ATV, and treat him until paramedics arrived. However, he died at the scene.

The passenger was treated for shock and taken to Shoalhaven District Hospital.

A crime scene was established and a report will be prepared for the coroner.