

Miles Honda

MOTORCYCLES & POWER EQUIPMENT

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jason Miles, Me and my family run a Honda motorcycle and ATV dealership in Warragul in Victoria for the last 15 years. With the proposed Accc's "**Consumer Goods Safety Standard 2019**" becomes law. I believe the standard will not improve ATV safety and that it is flawed, unworkable and may put farmers' lives at greater risk. Rather than relying upon demonstrated scientific evidence, the ACCC is proposing a standard, which, in effect, is experimenting with farmers' lives. They have ignored nearly all of Honda's and a number of Coroners recommendations and world-renowned research to come up with their draft.

As Honda has stated they will not fit devices to their ATVs that are not proven to improve safety. Safety standards must be evidence-based, in both criteria and testing methods, to internationally accepted standards. There for they will pull out of the market. Which will push me to shut **my business down and put off 3 local people.**

Also Yamaha had this to say.

Should the ACCC recommendations be ratified – which is looking extremely likely – then within 12 months, ATVs will need to comply to certain engineering standards and within 24 months will be required to be fitted with an Operator Protective Device (OPD) and meet new standards.

Independent studies have shown that OPDs are not an effective safety solution and are likely to cause as many injuries as they may prevent. In addition, there is no safety standard for OPDs. These are the main reasons that Yamaha engineers will not make the design changes that are proposed for the AUS market. This means the end of the line for Yamaha utility ATVs in Australia.

The ACCC have decided that they want the manufacturers to install Roll over protection to all ATV's, when in fact its not the ATV that is the problem. It is the operator that needs to be controlled. Children under the age of 16 should not be allowed to ride a quad of any size and all other riders, including Farmers and others who use ATV's in business or leisure should have to wear protection in the form of at least an approved helmet. This would stop most of the injuries that happen on quads. Adults letting their kids ride ATV's have to be educated that it is not allowed.

I hope you can help to save thousands of jobs

Thanks you for your time

Jason Miles