

Dear Sir,

My name is Phillip Lyne, I have a broad acre sheep/wheat farm near Cootamundra. I am 52 and the third generation to run this farm.

I am currently purchasing my third Honda ATV for use on our farm. The ATV is used most days for moving and checking sheep.

I am writing to express my disapproval of the fitting of rollover protection to ATV's as I feel it will not reduce ATV bike injuries which are mainly caused through operator error and inappropriate driving. The farm work environment is inherently dangerous due the use of such items as chainsaws, guns, augers, heavy machinery and wayward livestock. As long as we have been adequately instructed and behave accordingly injuries are rare. Unfortunately we cannot remove all risk from our work environment since much of our work is potentially dangerous.

This debate has highlighted the risks involved with the use of ATV's, which will help to reduce injuries through this awareness.

Thank you.

Phillip Lyne

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