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Dear Mr Phillips

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons appreciates the opportunity to respond to the ACCC draft 'Consumer Goods (Quad Bikes) Safety Standard 2019' and we are keen to continue to be consulted on quad bike safety.

RACS commends the ACCC for the comprehensive and inclusive report on Quad Bike Safety and we support the findings and recommendations of the report. These recommendations include:

- *measures that increase the use of helmets and other personal protection equipment*
- *education campaigns which encourage seatbelt use on SSVs*
- *prohibiting children from riding adult quad bikes*
- *prohibiting passengers on single seat quad bikes*
- *a continuation of current quad bike safety rebates and education initiatives*
- *improvements to quad bike incident data collection.*

These recommendations closely align with the Quad Bike section of our [Trauma Prevention position paper](#), and also with our [original submission](#).

We once again congratulate the ACCC for the work on quad bike safety and its wide and extensive consultative program.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Crozier'.

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