

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a 59 year old whole of life farmer and have had extensive experience in the operation of quad bikes.

I support the promotion of Roll Over Protection (ROP) for quad bikes but are against making them mandatory.

The quad bike has become an integral part of the farm work environment.

Farm work environments differ from farm to farm and what may be appropriate to one farm may not be to another.

I see scrub being a major problem for operators of quads fitted with ROP as it poses a high entanglement risk.

Generally speaking, people in the agricultural industry are individuals used to thinking for themselves and determining what is best for their situation and are tired of being dictated to.

A mandatory ROP law for quad bikes would cause yet more tension across our industry which is something we don't need.

I feel the stance that some quad bike manufacturers seem to be taking (ie. that they may pull out of the market) is irresponsible and unreasonable as it impedes their customers who want to fit ROP.

I feel ACCCs' efforts should focus on gently convincing quad bike manufacturers to respect the wishes of their many customers who want effective ROP for their quad bike.

Regards

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