

As a Dealer for the past 10 years and having been in the industry for the past 30 years as a mechanic, racer and recreational rider I have seen many changes in current design and technological advances associated within the Motorcycle industry which I might add have all been made to suit climate change, different conditions of use, rider preference, Safety and serviceability {meaning that customers have to take their Bikes, ATV's and Buggy's back to the Dealer for professional servicing because of the advancement of technologies rather than doing it themselves or some back yarder that may not have the appropriate equipment for servicing and Maintenance}.

In the past 30 years I have seen Farmers, Cattle properties and recreational guys move from horses {with many associated injuries and fatalities} to motorbikes and ATV's for their ease of use, affordability and high efficiency of production, unlike Buggy's and the Polaris ACE that have their place but are very limited in their use and efficiency.

Not only will this new proposed law **"STOP"** the manufactures from importing ATV's it will impact heavily on all our Customers and Dealers, rural and semi-rural will be affected as well as causing huge losses in income to local businesses and regions across the country. Small towns and businesses struggle across Australia to provide employment, economy growth and in general just to keep the doors open to provide services for locals now, should this law pass I see the majority of these businesses close their doors and local employment fall causing a chain effect throughout entire communities across Australia.

As a local business that retails and services Honda and Yamaha Motorcycles, ATV's and SXS's we also support local sporting clubs from Motorcycle racing, Trail rides, Enduro's and not only motorcycling events but also Rodeo's, Camp draft's, Field days, Automotive events, Rugby League and Rugby Union just to name a few, so if this law was to be passed I don't see it possible for us to support our community through these events.

Being someone that has probably ridden every Motorcycle, ATV and Buggy that there is, I'm the first to admit that I've had my fair share of accident's being that of my own doing and I take full responsibility for and that I believe these days people don't like taking responsibility for their own actions.

I support that children under the age of 16 should be banned from adult sized ATV's and that age appropriate ATV's, Buggy's and Motorcycles should apply and all protective equipment is worn and that adults should have the appropriate training for operating ATV's maybe even licencing may help, but fitting OPD's will not improve on safety, safety becomes the responsibility of the parent, guardian and **OPERATOR** of any vehicle including ATV's.

If people choose to ignore the warning labels and guidelines of manufacturers now what is to say they are not going to do the same if this new law comes in?

At the end of the day we all pay heavy taxes which pay wages to government bodies such as the ACCC, so if this law is approved not only will industry and economic growth fall, I suspect there will be job losses in government bodies as well.

We are not just ATV Dealers, Farmers, Workers, Recreational riders we are Sons and Daughters, Parent's, Husbands and Wives that just want the ACCC to hear everyone's voice and look at all the options that are available before passing a law that may in affect be detrimental to our families lives and futures.

Regards,

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