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Subject: Quad bikes

Dear quad bike safety task force

This is not a confidential document

I preface my submission with the following

I am registered and currently ride a motorcycle (have done so for 44 years)

Have a sports Quad -Yamaha 660 raptor

Have a 4x4 buggy with cage

Am a registered pilot (fixed wing and microlight)

Have a rural property on Bruny.

I presume that by "quad bike" the definition would exclude buggies (two seats side by side and a cage) and "sports" ATV/ quads (two wheel drive, solid rear axle, and a track width equal to or wider than the wheel base).

I presume this would be limited to agricultural ATV's with a high centre of gravity and narrow track width.

General personal comment:

I find quad bikes to be unsafe on sloping terrain and very easy to roll over. I choose not to ride one on challenging terrain for the following reasons.

Turning circle is large by -comparison to the Sports quad, heavy (particularly when bogged) and a high centre of gravity.

On roads or easy terrain I have no concerns.

The questions

Communication : probably TV as with fire warnings.

Safety measures : very difficult as the vehicle meant for "all terrain is not safe or designed for "all terrain" some sloping terrain

is definitely a "no go"regardless of competence.

Firstly -quads are not an ATV -the same as a tractor.

Second not for children under 16

Third a helmet yes (not really that confident about this statement)

No roll over protection as that will almost certainly trap the rider.

A roll over warning alarm. Simple, cheap and effective.

Maybe unnecessary but I would like to see a trial of side airbags that can be inflated by the rider in the event of being trapped

under the vehicle.

A mobile phone (but coverage is a problem) SOS good.

Second lot of questions

No only "sports" quad experience, was good.

Not sure but relying on poor riders to train others is a problem.

I don't think that this is practical.

I find on my quad that there are so many warning signs you simply cannot ignore them.

Training is good but people forget and infrequent use means practical skills become extremely limited.

Third lot of questions

No

Warnings near the ignition switch

Visibility, hot, good ones are expensive and get damaged very easily

Yes

Impossible to enforce. I wear gloves when I risk hurting my hands it should be a sensibility thing.

Rollover protection excellent on buggies but dangerous on quads just like "crash bars" on motorcycles.

Quad bike design, as mentioned above they are very limited on sloping terrain an accident looking for a place to happen.

Safety rating no problem but in my opinion I have never ridden a "safe" quad except in good conditions and on easy terrain.

As a final comment.

Yes buggies (side by side) vehicles are far safer, better protected from the elements and much more sensible.

A subsidy would be excellent and a lot cheaper than hospital bills.

Hope this helps

Regards

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