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Quad Bike Safety in Tasmania submission

My input is as a recreational user of quad / ATV bikes.

I ride a RV registered ATV vehicle in both approved and non-approved areas for recreational vehicles. I also on occasion encourage the use of suitable sized quad bikes by children to learn the skills needed under supervision rather than learn by themselves as an adult. Early training with the correct habits would go a long way to improving safety.

The current rules under RV registration only allow for existing licence holders of a motorcycle licence to operate ATVs with the additional benefit of MAIB coverage.

By expanding the licence and perhaps a more specific licence training course you could capture the wider group of recreational riders. ATV licence classification.

If I could licence/permit a child and have them covered by MAIB then I would be happy to do so. If it meant ensuring an appropriate and safe vehicle meeting a standard, then I would do so. If it meant an approved training course to get the licence/permit, then I would do so.

Acknowledge kids are riding quad bikes recreationally and will continue regardless of the rules. Train them, licence them and insure them from an early age and they will in my opinion develop the skills and all important attitude to safety around vehicles in general.

Banning them won't achieve much at all.

Regards

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