



**SAVE THE QUAD BIKE  
IN AUSTRALIA**



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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Farm survey prove the NFF sold Morrison Government a FURPHY on quad bikes - NATIONAL SURVEY OF FARMERS NOW RELEASED**

As many are aware the Assistant Treasurer Michael Sukkar tabled the *Consumer Goods (Quad Bikes) Safety Standard 2019* on 10 October 2019, which mandates the fitting of Operator Protection Devices (OPDs) to all new quad bikes sold in Australia. It was a ridiculous decision; forcing every respected international manufacturer out of Australia. It also threatens the viability of hundreds of dealerships and thousands of rural jobs at a time of unprecedented supply change constraints and economic uncertainty.

Craig Hartley from Save the Quad Bike in Australia, “So much for not letting the facts get in the way of a good story - or better still, letting the facts get in the way of political ambition and Ag sector votes.

“The facts are clear: some of the largest peak Ag groups in Australia have publicly stated that the NFF got it wrong on quad bikes.

“State motoring groups, the FCAI, Green Shirts Movement, Federal Members of Parliament and the Federal Agriculture Minister have all joined this group, arguing the NFF got it wrong on quad bikes.

**“So the fundamental question is this: did the NFF consult / survey Australian farmers on the decision to force every globally respected quad bike manufacturer out of Australia, thereby making it impossible for farmers to buy new quad bikes from reputable brands? The answer is categorically NO, THE NFF DID NOT.**

“We’ve surveyed farmers across the country - just some of their views are on page 2. 92% of farmers surveyed disagreed with the NFF and believe the NFF got this issue terribly wrong.”

What’s concerning is that statistics on ATV deaths prove 50% of deaths are associated with side-by-side vehicles (SSVs). Guess what the NFF is pushing? SSVs as a replacement for quad bikes! SSVs are one-tenth of the market and yet contribute in-excess of 50% of fatalities. Just ponder that for a moment. One-tenth of the market and 50% of deaths and the NFF believe SSVs are the solution even though SSVs across many on-farm applications are simply not a viable alternative.

My Hartley continued, “It’s concerning that the NFF sold the Federal Government the argument that a majority of farmers agreed with them; when it’s clearly not the case.

“What is even more concerning is that the NFF’s arrogance has taken away CHOICE. The NFF effectively said ‘Farmers cannot be trusted to make a decision on safety.’

“In summary, a majority of farmers don’t care about Ag politics let alone the NFF. But they are rightly angry that the NFF has taken away a valued on-farm asset that makes them efficient and that they desperately need.

“The fact remains that Agforce, VFF and the Federal Ag Minister have this right, by distancing themselves from the NFF: education and training are the keys not more nanny state policy emanating from a peak Ag group that is quickly losing credibility amongst the rank and file,” ended Mr Hartley.

[HERE ARE SOME QUOTES FROM HUNDREDS OF FARMERS WHO COMPLETED OUR SURVEY](#)

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Save the Quad Bike in Australia (STQBIA) is a campaign sitting under the national umbrella of the Australian Motorcyclists Association Inc (ATV Division).

Q8

How do you believe not having Quad bikes on your property will affect productivity and efficiency.

We use them to muster when needed. Also use them daily to start pumps, check troughs and fences. They are much quicker to get around the property. During the wet season, it can get places a ute can't, this is vital to get fences up before cattle get into neighbours.

Cattle sector don't support!

Q11

If your local Motorcycle business had to close due to this Legislation, how would this affect your business.

Badly been doing business with them for over 30 years  
The community would suffer as well

Impact on rural towns is huge!

Q6

How will not having Quad bikes on your property affect your business.

Flooding - will be unable to move cattle safely to higher ground. Mustering will be impossible.

Q7

Do you believe not having Quad bikes will increase operating expenses on your property.

Yes excessively

Mustering sector don't support!

Q8

How do you believe not having Quad bikes on your property will affect productivity and efficiency.

Buggies much more expensive  
Will definitely be stuck in difficult terrain more often and require retrieval by another vehicle. (Quads normally self retrieved)  
Will have to re implement the use of horses with a much larger associated cost of running. Ie, transporting to outlying paddocks and other separate properties will require a float or truck, sometimes to carry out a minor task.  
Horses will be much slower and require more staff to cover the given area.

Pressure on productivity and increased costs!

Q15

Looking in to the future when all Quad bikes are worn out, could you go back to a horse or motorbike if SSV/SXS / Buggies were to big and cumbersome for the work you do on your property.

We are already talking about getting horses

Buggies or SSV's will not fix the problem so will need to BUY HORSES!

Who else believes CHOICE is the solution rather than mandatory legislation on OPDs?

