



## Consultation Paper on the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*

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Farmsafe Australia Inc. is the peak national agency with representatives from a range of organizations with an interest in farm safety (see [www.farmsafe.org.au](http://www.farmsafe.org.au)).

This submission pertains to our interest in the issue of quad safety. We refer to these vehicles as quads and not All Terrain Vehicles or ATVs based on previous directives that such terms are inappropriate as the insinuation that they can be used on all terrains threatens public perceptions and the safety of users. As per other government documents (see Safe Work Australia, Comcare etc), the term quad should be used.

We support the need for improved safety and the inclusion of these vehicles within a revised ADR. However, such inclusion in the ADR must be predicated on three important facts:

- a) Any ADR includes a mandatory lateral stability requirement;
- b) Any ADR includes a mandatory crush protection requirement to reduce risks from quad rollovers; and,
- c) Any ADR does not increase the scope for quads to be used on public roads (i.e. existing conditional registration requirements remain in place but with the mandatory fitment of crush protection).

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