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Newsflash

From the CEO's desk



Quad Bike Safety Discussion Paper Released

With 10 lives lost already this year due to quad bike related injuries, the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Bill Shorten has called for public comment on design and engineering controls to improve quad bike safety.

Mr Shorten emphasised the importance of improving quad bike safety in Australia. "Quad bikes are the leading cause of fatalities on Australian farms with more 150 Australian dying since 2001 from a quad bike incident," Mr Shorten said. "It is time action is taken to reduce these shocking statistics."

The discussion paper calls for public submissions on engineering design options to:

- improve the current design of quad bikes and stability
- reduce the capacity of children to start and/or operate quad bikes
- reduce the capacity for passengers to be carried on quad bikes, and
- improve protection in the event of a roll over.

The discussion paper will be open for a four week public comment period closing 28 September 2012.

Submissions are encouraged from industry, engineers, regulatory authorities, community groups and other interested parties.

To review the discussion paper and have your say on how quad bike safety can be improved [click here](#).

We encourage you to consider the issue and submit your comments to this enquiry if you are in a location where quad bikes are frequently used.

Have a great week and good luck to the NQ Toyota Cowboys in Round 1 of the 2012 Finals at Dairy Farmers' Stadium on Saturday!

Glenys Schuntner
Chief Executive Officer

RDA Committee


Mr Paul Woodhouse
Chairman

 Paul joined RDA in 2012. Retiring from local government after serving 12 years as Mayor and Councillor of McKinlay Shire Council to follow other interests, Paul is a primary producer in north west Queensland.

Ms Lyn McLaughlin
Deputy Chair

 Lyn joined RDA in 2009. She is a former Mayor and Councillor of Burdekin Shire Council and represents the region on several committees. Lyn is a primary school teacher.

Mr Jeff Jimmieson
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 Based in Townsville, Jeff and his wife Debbie own and operate an events management business Access All Areas Event Management. Born in Toowoomba, Jeff has lived in Townsville since 1985.

Mr David Kippin
Secretary

 David is CEO at Townsville Enterprise Limited, North Queensland's peak economic development and destination marketing organisation. David has previously held senior positions in Financial and Professional Services and Corporate Advisory.

Cr Rick Britton

 Rick was elected to Boulia Shire Council in 2007 and has served as Mayor since 2008. Rick and his wife Ann own and operate the cattle station Goodwood Pastoral Company.

Dr Scott Crawford

 Based in Townsville, Scott is CEO of NQ Dry Tropics, the natural resource management body for the Burdekin region. Originally from Brisbane, Scott has lived in Townsville for 13 years.

Cr Tracy Forshaw

 Tracy has been a Councillor on the Burke Shire Council since 2008. Tracy and her husband Ian own and operate an earthmoving, quarry and concrete business in Gregory.

Mr David Glasson

 Based in Mount Isa, David is Chairman of the Mount Isa Townsville Economic Zone economic development organisation and owns and operates Liquip Engineering & Western Mowers.

Mr Trevor Goldstone

 Trevor is the Director, Business Development and Operations at the Faculty of Law, Business and Creative Arts at James Cook University. Trevor moved from Adelaide to Townsville in 2009.

Cr Greg Jones

 Greg is the Mayor of Flinders Shire where he has served as a Councillor since 1994. Greg and wife Carole operate an Electrical, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning business in Hughenden.

Mr Mike Westerman

 Mike is the General Manager, Xstrata Mount Isa Copper Operations and has more than 20 years' experience as a mining engineer in underground and open pit environments.

Position Vacant

People interested in nominating for the Committee can find more information at <http://rda.gov.au/node/15>

Also please to not hesitate to call Glenys Schuntner, CEO on 07 4760 1612 for a discussion about the role.