

Media Release



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Time running out to claim Quad Bike Safety Rebate Scheme

There's just over one week left for Victorian farmers to claim a \$1,200 rebate for two quad bike operator protection devices (OPDs) or a safer alternative farm vehicle before the Quad Bike Safety Rebate Scheme closes on 30 June 2020.

Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) President David Jochinke said the program was initiated in response to the introduction of new safety standards by both the State and Commonwealth Governments and is aimed at increasing rider safety.

"Since 2001 sadly 267 people have lost their lives as a result of quad bike accidents nationally and here in Victoria on average 85 children per year end up in the emergency department suffering from quad-bike related injuries."

"We need to ensure the highest possible safety standards for riders to make sure they don't become a statistic."

"Quad bike rollovers are a leading cause of trauma and death on Victorian farms and the Quad Bike Safety Rebate Scheme allows farmers to upgrade to a safer alternative or install the needed protections to safeguard themselves," Mr Jochinke said.

Mr Jochinke said time is running out for farmers to claim the rebate and urged them to get in quick for it closes on June 30 2020.

"Thousands of farmers have already taken advantage of the Quad Bike Safety Rebate Scheme since it launched and I would urge those who haven't yet to get in before the scheme closes on June 30 next week," Mr Jochinke said.

Applications are open now and will be until Tuesday 30 June and farmers can access further information on the VFF website at <https://www.vff.org.au/quadbike> or by calling the VFF on 1300 882 883.

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