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Update on Worksafe Victoria Quad Bike Rebate and Enforcement

In a recent WorkSafe Victoria Stakeholder Reference Group, WorkSafe's Executive Director, Marnie Williams provided an update to stakeholders on the WorkSafe Victoria Quadbike Rebate Program.

WorkSafe advised that the rebate program has processed and approved over 1700 rebate/subsidy applications. The total rebate paid is \$1.6 million. Of the rebates, the split between Operator Protective Devices (OPDs) and alternative vehicles is 49.7% for OPD and 50.3% for side by side vehicles. WorkSafe mentioned that it is behind the intended target for the rebate program but it will continue.

Although recent legal proceedings brought by the quad bike manufactures resulted in WorkSafe needing to change it's wording on it current campaign, WorkSafe's position on quad bike safety has not changed. WorkSafe will continue to pursue its new approach to accept that suitably designed and tested rollover protective devices on quad bikes as a means of reducing the risk to operators in event of a rollover.

Marnie Williams firmly expressed that WorkSafe Victoria will commence enforcement action shortly. VACC Motorcycle Dealers, Farm Machinery Dealers and Repairers of quad bikes and side by sides should be prepared as farmers may receive improvement notices and the farmers will be coming your way for advice.

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Regards

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