

CRUSH PROTECTION DEVICE

Mythbuster



MYTH 1. CPDs will reduce the usability of my quad

Research by the UNSW Transport and Road Safety (TARS) Group shows that CPDs will not significantly impact the dynamic handling of a quad. Testing by TARS demonstrated that a CPD creates fewer changes to usability than loading the vehicle with its maximum cargo amount.



MYTH 2. CPDs are dangerous

Over the past 15 years, people have fitted various forms of CPDs to their quad bikes. There has not been a single fatality or injury attributed to the CPDs. According to the ACCC, in the one recorded death in Australia where a CPD was fitted to a quad bike, the CPD was reported to have played no part in the injuries sustained by the operator.



MYTH 3. I will need to change my current quad if the recommendations are legislated

The mandatory installation of CPDs on quads will only impact new quads. The changes will apply prospectively, not retrospectively.



MYTH 4. The farming sector is opposed to change / greater regulation of quads

Overall, the farming sector supports the regulation of quad bikes, especially the fitment of CPDs. This is the message conveyed to the NFF by the various state farming bodies, which represent the interests of farming entities in each state.



MYTH 5. The initial cost of fitting CPDs will outweigh the benefit

The cost created by quad bike fatalities and injuries per annum is estimated at \$208 million. While CPD fitment will likely lead to a small increase in the retail price of quads, the cost of doing nothing is much higher to the Australian farming community and the broader community.