



**Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP**  
Member for Inala




**Minister for Transport  
and Multicultural Affairs**

Our ref: PP1724-11 & PP1837-11

Your ref: Petition Nos. 1724-11 and 1837-11

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Laurie 

I refer to a petition numbers 1724-11 and 1837-11 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 1 December 2011 about policy change for conditional registration of quad bike and trikes.

I understand that quad bike and trike riders want more general access to the road network, however, this is considered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads to be a major safety issue.

These vehicles are restricted to the current Conditional Registration Scheme requirements because they do not meet the Australian Design Rules and only have to meet very minimal vehicle safety standards (compared to standard registration vehicles) while on a road.

Under the Conditional Registration Scheme, greater access to the road network may be permitted, provided both the Queensland Police Service and the person/entity responsible for the road authorises the access and use of the network. This ensures that authorities with local knowledge have assessed the required area of operation, including safety aspects, before permitting use of these vehicles.

The operating conditions imposed on these vehicles can include restrictions such a designated area and designated route with limited road access. This is because they are not designed for on-road use and may pose a threat to the safety of the vehicle operator and other road users.

In regard to driver licensing requirements, quad bike riders need to hold a 'C' class licence and trike riders need to hold a motorcycle licence.

The department does not intend to make any changes to the current arrangements in place for quad and trike bike and their riders.

Yours sincerely

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Annastacia Palaszczuk MP

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