



## South Australian Dairy Industry Fund Supporting your dairy industry

### South Australian Dairy Industry Fund Quad Bike Safety Rebate Scheme 2018-19

#### The Dairy Industry Fund – Crash Prevention Device Scheme

The South Australian Dairy Industry Fund is a fund created from the sale of the SADA Fresh Milk Product. The fund board has determined that in the absence of a SA Government subsidy scheme the fund should make a similar subsidy available to farmers. SADA will continue to lobby the South Australian Government for the introduction of a scheme similar to New South Wales and Victoria.

#### The Scheme parameters

Dairy farmers can apply for a rebate of up to \$800 for the purchase of an operator protection device (OPD). The OPD must have been designed and manufactured in accordance with approved engineering standards and independently tested to be eligible for the rebate. There are currently two OPD devices that meet this criteria and are eligible for the rebate. They are the Quadbar™ and the ATV Lifeguard.

Rebates are available for all dairy farms with a quad bike.

The Dairy Industry Fund has set aside \$100,000 for the rebate scheme with applications closing on 31 October 2018.

#### Eligibility Criteria

The rebate is available to farmers that:

- live and operate a dairy business in South Australia
- possess a SA dairy licence
- have no more than 10 full-time employees
- own a quad bike for work purposes
- have dairy farming as a substantial source of income.

Farmers who are owner-operators with no employees are eligible to apply.

#### Definition of Dairy Farmer

A dairy farmer is a farmer licenced to produce milk for human consumption in South Australia so licenced under the *Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) Act 2004 SA*

#### Period of rebate

The rebates will be available to claim during the financial year 2018-19.

#### Vehicles purchased prior to the rebate period.

The rebate applies to any quad bike purchased at any time including vehicles purchased prior to the rebate period.



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### **Applying**

You will be able to apply via email by contacting John Elferink at [dairyindustryfund@sada.asn.au](mailto:dairyindustryfund@sada.asn.au) or alternatively phone John on 0418 406400 or 82932399. Be prepared to provide the address of the farm and your Dairy Producer's Licence Number for verification purposes.

Alternatively visit the SADA Fresh website and follow the links.

### **Declining Applications**

Unless the criteria are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Dairy Industry Fund the fund will not provide the subsidy applied for.

In any instance the Dairy Industry Fund reserves the right to decline an application as it sees fit.

### **A roll over protection device.**

A rollover protection device – also known as an operator protective device (OPD) or a crush protection device (CPD) – is an engineered attachment that is fitted to a quad bike. It is designed to help protect riders from crush-related injuries in the event of a rollover.

The maximum rebate amount for this device is \$800.

### **Fitting**

The rebate will include the cost of having the device fitted and must be fitted by a suitably qualified professional.

### **New devices entering the market**

A rebate would be available for a new OPD if it can be demonstrated that the product has been suitably designed and manufactured according to appropriate engineering principles and that the product has been independently tested.

### **Effects on insurance.**

A crush protection device or OPD needs to be fitted in accordance with its manufacturer's instructions. Australian consumer law applies to the purchase of quads and OPDs so if you buy something that isn't right, you have consumer rights.

The Dairy Industry Fund is unaware of any concerns in relation to warranties or insurance. However, farmers should seek advice from the appropriate insurer and manufacturer. If a manufacturer or dealer states the fitting of an OPD voids the quad bike's warranty, then please request they put that claim in writing.



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### **Side-by-side vehicle or a small utility vehicles**

An agricultural side-by-side vehicle (SSV) or small utility vehicle differs from a quad bike in a number of ways. They typically can accommodate two-six occupants, have roll-over protection, have seat belts and a cargo box at the rear of the vehicle.

The Dairy Industry Fund Rebate Scheme does not extend to these sorts of vehicles.

### **Second hand Quad Bikes**

The purpose of the rebate is to keep dairy farmers as safe as possible, therefore the fund rebate is available for used as well as new vehicles.

### **Applying more than once**

It is anticipated that the ACCC will soon recommend to Government that new Quad bikes come with OPDs as part of the purchase price. Therefore, it is anticipated that future purchasers will buy the OPD installed. Consequently, the applications will be limited to one per farm. If after the end of the financial year 2018-19 the Dairy Industry Fund seeks to extend the scheme, then consideration for re-application will be made at that time.

### **Farms with more than one family**

Eligible farms can only apply for a rebate once for a single property.

### **Coverage of the rebates**

Rebates will not cover:

- the design or manufacturing of new items including items that you have designed and manufactured to your specifications
- owner-built items
- purchase of raw materials
- purchase of second-hand OPDs
- service repairs or maintenance.

Rebate solutions do not cover products or equipment for domestic, recreational or social activities.

### **Membership**

You do not have to be a member of the South Australian Dairyfarmers Association to be eligible for the grant.



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### **Further information**

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