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THE NSW government will fund research to the tune of \$1 million to find ways to reduce quad bike deaths across the state.

Minister for Finance and Services Greg Pearce said the research would look at vehicle safety, and protective devices and accessories.

"Every quad bike fatality is a tragedy and it's time for researchers, regulators, manufacturers and the farming community to work together to improve safety for all quad bike users," he said.

According to Farmsafe Australia, more than 150 people have died in quad bike incidents in the last 10 years, with almost nine out of 10 rollover deaths occurring on farms.

"Through this \$1 million research project, experts in vehicle safety will conduct a series of crash tests to identify engineering and design enhancements which could improve quad bike safety," Mr Pearce said.

Most fatalities are the result of head injuries or from being trapped under overturned vehicles and for the first time anywhere in the world, the role of protective systems in the prevention of asphyxia and serious chest injuries when a quad bike rolls over will be tested.