

RISK-TAKING AMONGST RDA COACHES: A PROPOSED STUDY¹

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It has been observed that a significant number of RDA coaches in Australia could be underestimating the ability of some of their riders and restricting the risk taking activities which are thought necessary if the riders are to improve their riding skills and become independent (M. L. Longden, personal communication, February, 1998). It has been noted that people with disabilities are often treated with overprotective and demotivating attitudes. If this is so then the riders in RDA may be being denied the incentives necessary for them to reach their full riding potential.