

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am a retired former owner of my own two businesses. Studied Law after school. Served voluntarily in Special Forces 1966 - 1968.

The car industry must be saved but directed towards producing cars which suit Australia, current society and sustainable standards. No excuse for V8s or SUVs without special licence - e.g. industry or commerce or primary industry.

Not at all.

A loss of a range of skills needed to maintain a viable manufacturing base and the variety of associated electrical, automotive, engineering and other associated skills.

Skills once lost are irreplaceable. Opportunities for youth employment are lost.

Surely we can retain these skills in a modern version of a car industry - three brands, limited to mainly 4 and 6 cylinders with V8s and SUVs imported and a concentration on fuel efficiency - especially diesel. Sorry oil companies!!

The car industry should not be a political football. Mark Latham offered to retrain forest workers and loggers in Tasmania. They rejected that offer for Howard's bribe. they are now out of work with no skills.

Let's not make the same error with car manufacturing. Let's get it right. As a former consultant to industry and government I don't have a lot of faith in the Productivity Commission as it is stacked with conservative anachronisms with vested financial interests.

Kind Regards,  
Adrian Bell