

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am a professional economist with 40 years experience.

I have no direct vested interest.

At least no more than the important interest all 23 million Australians have in the future of this industry.

It would lead to an immediate loss of about 0.2 million jobs, followed by many many more due to the high multiplier.

I consider this industry to be a pivotal one which supports many others and gives Australia know how and confidence which benefits other manufacturing.

It is the foundation of our manufacturing.

Australian cars are of a very high standard. Declining sales are due to other factors (the high \$A, fashion, etc) which will right themselves.

Other industrial countries subsidise their car industries. We should too.

We badly need more full time jobs in Australia. It would be a tragedy to sack all these full time workers and for them to find the only alternative work for them is serving cappuccinos.

Kind Regards,  
Peter Harkness