

Dear Productivity Commission,

A homeowner with grown up family, I am a performing and touring musician and I often perform in areas where the automobile industry gives local employment.

I know some people who work in the automobile industry. These people are often older workers and their chances of re-training and re-employment would be largely nil.

Apart from loss of jobs, I feel that losing the auto manufacturing base will weaken the country's sovereignty and, as a national security asset, could not be re-built in the event of a major war or other global catastrophe.

It is vital to me personally that we retain the skills and equipment to manufacture here in Australia. One only has to view the gutting of the American automobile industry and its negative outcome to realize we should learn from their painful experience.

Kind Regards,
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