

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am currently a scaffolder for AG Height Safety Cairns. I used to work on the local prawn trawlers for a few years prior aswell. Born and raised Australian. Cars, of all sorts, but mainly Holdens are my passion. I drive a 1985 Holden VK Commodore, and majority of my spendings are going into it, restoring, rebuilding, giving it a better and longer life. I go on charity cruises and fundraisers for local organisations. Im Aussie through and through, Love my mates, Love my holdens, Love cars in general, Love queensland and holdens, and Love my country, even if i dont agree with a lot of the decisions being made by the higher ups.

I may not work in the auto industry, but have friends who do. But that doesnt mean it wont effect me. Everything has a ripple effect. the bigger the rock, the bigger the effect. Closing down Holden australia and toyota plants in australia, that's a 2ton boulder in a small creek. Local buisnesses who rely on holdens especially, will lose out. the thousands of people who work in those plants, will lose out. Personally for me, it will also make things harder to find for my car, as well as ruin any chance of me buying a brand new holden in 5-10 years time. As well as give me the feeling that this country doesnt want to keep its own industries going, and doesnt believe in keeping culture going. Australia over the course of the automotive history, has made a massive impact on safety, design, and performance in motor vehicals. we play a big role, why get rid of that?

Not only will 200,000 odd Aussies lose their jobs, but they will then struggle to keep food on the table for their families. We dont have 200,000 vacant jobs for these people to walk right into. Also, Australia will lose a large part of its Culture, its History, and Its Iconic car range. The Automotive Industry in Australia, is massive. Closing down holden will make a massive detrimental impact on this industry. Many car parts manufacturers will lose out aswell, as the holden range is so popular, with so many aussies loyal to their local brand, they need local car part manufacturers to help improve and customize, fix and rebuild these iconic cars.

Holden, is a very much loved car manufacturer. Aussie's love holdens and fords. We love our commodore vs falcon rivalry. removing holden is equivalent to removing NRL, AFL, and Cricket from australia. Enough of us are furious about losing the falcon, dont let us lose the only Aussie car's we have left.

To me, and many other enthusiasts, Cars are not just mechanical machines. Cars are living breathing entities that have different moods. They are a way of life, and a large part of our life. Australia is losing too much of its heritage, its culture, and its way of life already. We dont need to take another large hit like this.

Kind Regards,  
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