

Dear Productivity Commission,

40 year old single father of two children and one cat. Have a mortgage, just paid off a car and thinking about upgrading.

I work for a Tier one supplier (Futuris) to Holden. We supply Holden with seats, carpet, door trim, boot panels, roof lining, parcel shelves to name a few. Without Holden the SA division of Futuris would likely fold. I doubt I would get another job in the same industry, and retraining would be difficult as i am a single father with a mortgage and two kids to feed.

Australia is one of many countries that can be proud of their own products. To lose the ability to design and produce our own automobiles, well not only do we lose the cars but we lose the skills that cross into other industries. Without the auto industry a large training ground will be lost for all sorts of job roles, and it would be hard to replace it once it has gone.

For 21 years i have been working in this industry. It has been paying off my house and car, putting my kids through school, basically helping me live the great Australian dream. To take this away would shatter the dreams of thousands, when there is nothing to replace it.

Kind Regards,
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