

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am a Mid 40's Family Man with 2 teenage sons, Consider myself to be a fortunate Aussie. After completing my apprenticeship I was offered a trainee-ship in the Auto Industry as a Motor Body Draughtsman. This has provided me with a good life for myself and my family

I have many friends who still work in the Auto Industry, Jobs transfer is difficult and if made redundant with the industry closing will be forced to move overseas or into early retirement as they posses Automotive skills not easily transferable to other industries.

As a nation we will loose a valuable learning environment for our future generations, Engineering jobs, Lab technicians, materials specialist, skilled factory labour, The supplier base will fail meaning as a nation we only consume not make automotive products. The industry has supported the nation through good times. Not the industry needs the nations support.

Without the Automotive Industry I will loose an lifetimes work, Friends will be forced to leave and seek opportunity in other states or countries. My sons will never have the option of a rewarding career in Automotive design or engineering. We can not only consume we must build, create and market our own products. Some simple changes to tax legislation could save the industry. Not only save it but make it grow.

Kind Regards,  
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