

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am happily married with two fantastic teenage children and i have a mortgage. Nicole, my wife works locally at a Newstart Early Learning centre caring for pre-school aged children. My son has an apprenticeship at a local business in the Barossa Valley and my daughter attends TAFE studying Business. I myself have taken on an adult apprenticeship with Holden to try and further my education, as well as to try and return a little to the company that has provided gainful and meaningful employment for the last 20 years.

Throughout my years at Holden i have been a huge advocate for the brand. I myself have purchased numerous Holden cars made at our plant as well as provided numerous family members with the benefits of buying locally made cars at discounted employee rates.

First of all the auto industry closing would personally mean a loss of my long term job security. I have been at

Holden for 20 years and thought i would be there till i retired! This would greatly affect my family with the immediate loss of income, inability to comfortably sustain mortgage and bill payments, put food on the table for my family etc, all the things we rely on an income to provide. I am a 40 year old man and i am becoming increasingly worried about my re-employ-ability if this sector closes. Even though i will be trades qualified, what on earth are my fellow workers who are specific manufacturing workers, what will they be able to do.....nothing because there will be no more manufacturing!!! This is just pure madness to think that Australia can absorb such a devastating loss of jobs and revenue, it's crazy talk!

The Auto industry closing in Australia would be catastrophic to our manufacturing sector! It would be the end of hundreds of thousands of hard working Australians jobs. Not just in the Auto industry but in all facets of manufacturing. Unemployment would be at record levels as most of the workers would only be skilled for manufacturing jobs and there would be none available. Job competition would be farcical, dole queues would be never ending.

Small businesses would close hand over fist as no one would have that spare income to spend in take away food shops, delicatessens, coffee shops, family owned stores etc.

Housing prices would plummet, no one would be building/buying houses they just couldn't afford to.

This would cause untold damage to our countries economy and our economic viability, and if Tony Abbott disagrees i like to know how he thinks he will find 'meaningful' employment for the massive amounts of people that will be suffering from this short sighted and ignorant decision.

This is my lively hood, this is the security that is not personalized by politicians, it doesn't affect them, they'll still have their jobs if all this goes ahead.....at least until the next election, because there will be over 200,000 extremely angry voters that will exact revenge upon the Liberal Party due to their misguided short comings!

I LOVE the job i have, I LOVE the people i work with, I LOVE the company i work for. I understand making things in Australia is more expensive, that is not OUR fault (that blame lies solely at the feet of the powers that be), why should we be punished for the many factors

that come together to push our pricing up. So many companies have already left our shores, iconic Australian brands that will never again be Australian! So many people have already suffered the heart ache of losing their lively-hood for the sake of a STEEPER red line on a companies profit margin. I try to buy Australian where i can and i encourage my family and friends to do the same, simply so the money can stay here and positively promote our sector.

Please help us to retain manufacturing, not just for the current generation but for the many generations to come, for the longevity of the industry, for the pride of the unsung worker and our never failing "True Aussie Spirit"!!!!

Kind Regards,  
Lincoln Pitt