

Dear Productivity Commission,

I live in a de facto relationship with my partner of 30 years, I have two grown children and I work full time as a Teacher Aide in a country school of 17 children.

While I may not be directly affected by the closing of Holden Australia, thousands of fellow Australians will be and we need to look after our own people and their livelihoods. We give millions for overseas aid but refuse our own companies the help they desperately need to stay viable.

- Australia gives \$500 million in subsidies to its car industry, the lowest compared to the UK's \$978 million, Germany's \$518 million, and the USA's \$1.85 billion

- For every \$1 put into the auto industry, \$31 is generated in the whole Australian economy

- The auto industry receives the second lowest levels of subsidies in the country, well below the \$900 million given to the banking industry and the \$700 million given to the mining industry

- Shutting down the auto industry will mean the loss of 200,000 Australian jobs

It is important our companies stay in our country, employing Australians. Too many of our manufacturing companies have to move overseas because of the economic climate and lack of help from the government. The government needs to step in and put some of our hard earned tax dollars back into the hands of Australian companies that need it. If I had a choice where my tax dollars went, they would be used to save Holden Australia before we lose this iconic company to another country that appreciates them more than we do.

Kind Regards,
Suzanne Swift