

Dear Productivity Commission,

I'm 41 years old, and a father of 2 young boys, 10 and 7. I'm married and my wife works 4 days a week. We work hard to support our two boys, one of which is autistic. We have a mortgage and I work at Holden.

I work at Holden and I'm a line worker on the door assembly line, if the government was to let the auto industry disappear by not investing in it, this would have a severe impact on my family.

We would more than likely have to sell our house and take my children out of their school and move to another suburb and then look for work elsewhere, not sure where.

I'm not interested in the mining industry since I don't want to work away from my family. I used to be in the Australian Defence Force and I discharged from the army because I didn't want to have to work away from my family for extended periods of time anymore.

My current standard of living would be significantly impacted because the likelihood of finding full time work after the industry disappears would be very slim.

If the auto industry was to disappear from this country it most certainly would never return, the industry supports many thousands of families whom most of which would not find full time work again.

The impact upon Australia would be quite large due to the fact that this could impact up to 200,000 people Australia wide and the standard of living of the average working Australian would be irrecoverably changed to the point where families would be living on unemployment benefits which the tax payer would have to fund for many years to come.

This is extremely important to me because I have been in the industry for almost 13 years ever since I discharged from the Australian Army, Infantry Corp. I have no other skills that would avail me of a career in the mining sector.

I have a mortgage that would need to be paid, and the likelihood that I would be able to attain a job that pays me enough to be in a position to meet my financial commitments is very small indeed.

Therefore I would need to sell my house and all my possessions and move to another state, this would be the situation of many of the people that are employed by Holden.

I urge you to strongly consider investing in the future of this industry, not just for myself and my family, but for the many thousands of families that are employed by the industry.

Kind Regards,

Geoffrey Dymmott