

Dear Productivity Commission,

Yes I have a mortgage and three children aged 11,8 and 5. I work for Amcor full time in the packaging industry but know lots of people who would be severely affected if the car industry collapsed in Australia.

I just know that 200,000 lost jobs will be extremely hard to replace in other areas. The affect would be tragic for the northern suburbs of Adelaide in which Elizabeth is already a low socio economic area.

I think there would be a jump in crime rates in affected areas and also a negative health impact as far as depression and mental related stress and ill ess. Not to mention the damage to the economy with so many thousands of people going onto welfare benefits putting further stress on the system. The people in the car industry all pay solid amounts of taxes which help the governments so money put in to keep the industry alive is more than paid back in many ways.

Australia needs to show the world we will not give up on manufacturing jobs in this country. The future may well be in technology and research but not everyone can get jobs working on computers at a high skill level.

We need to keep making and building things here to keep a balanced society and not let the lower levels of the community slip deep below the poverty line and suffer greatly. Which brings on the kind of desperation that produces criminal acts.

A healthy thriving society needs people able to get jobs. Don't let these people slip through the cracks and our country sink to new lows just to appease lower budget spending.

This is very important to me and I don't even work in the industry. I feel the politicians don't care because they don't believe it will affect them so tough luck to the poor people it will affect drastically.

When Mitsubishi closed in adelaides south it had a very bad impact and there were promises of turning that site into a new technology hub and creating more jobs to take the place of the lost ones. This never happened and most of the massive warehouse and factory space of the old site I believe is still empty.

Please don't allow the Elizabeth site to be turned into a ghost town.

It's more important than how much profits can be made its about the whole fabric of society being weakened and torn to shreds to the point of many good and decent hard working people suffering such devastation that the damage and impact could well be far greater than the 'experts' or economists could even predict.

Show that we will be compassionate in keeping these people in their jobs

Kind Regards,
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