

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am married with 2 children. The cost of child care is so high that it is not financially viable for my wife to work (she is a qualified dental nurse but the salary offered is very low). Therefore I am the sole income earner in the family.

I work in the automotive industry, and have been for the past 15 years. Shutting it down would mean my job disappearing and me needed to change careers, hence at a lower pay grade due to the lack of experience. This would put huge financial stress on my family.

Australia will rapidly fall behind in terms of research and development. The industry and universities work hand-in-hand, they both need each other. So shutting down the auto industry would also reduce the job opportunities for graduates, hence reduce the recognized level of the universities (which are rated on the income of their graduates' first job). Shutting down the auto industry would also mean the loss of many skilled jobs which are used in other industries.

The auto industry is critical for my family as it is our source of revenue and what we live on. It is also my passion.

Kind Regards,
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