

Dear Productivity Commission,

I'm a tertiary educated, female, white-collar professional with all the same aspirations as everyone else: 'The Great Australian Dream' i.e a family, a job, a house, a car, trips to the beach in summer and a belief that this country should have the capabilities of making things here, from cars and ships to a can of tomatoes.

I believe any government to allow the shutting down of the auto industry would be severely irresponsible of, for both immediate economic reasons and long-term reasons which include, skills and jobs and loosing an industry that this country should pride itself on.

The impact of loosing the car industry on families and whole communities would be dire but it would also severely put at risk loosing the skills that we should be proud of and fight for in order to have and keep the capability of being able to make our own cars and would severely put at risk the future of this industry growing and innovating and being able to offer Australians the type of vehicle needed for the future.

I'm a great believer in Australia as the 'clever country' - we are a nation full of very clever people and we have the potential to achieve great things, all that is needed is investment, support and some 'long-term vision' from our governing bodies. I beg the commission please don't retard Australia's future by letting this industry slip through our fingers and all the opportunities that it offers to future generations and to the good of our future economy. Please do the right thing! Every car producing country supports their skills and their workers and communities and WE SHOULD TOO.

Kind Regards,
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