

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am 72 years of age and retired

No direct effect, but I want Australia to have a manufacturing base to enable us to cope with any future strategic problems and to give us the flexibility to continue to trade with other countries post mining boom.

Massive loss of skilled jobs, tax revenue, industrial flexibility, exporting ability and potential to attract investors and retain control of our technological expertise in other fields.

I want Australia to be competitive and to be able to hold a leading place in the trade and geopolitics of our region. We should encourage diversity and efficiency in all forms of manufacturing. Aid to the industry could be conditional on the automobile manufacturers investing more in research, particularly in clean energy vehicles, battery technology, solar power etc.

Kind Regards,
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