

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am 54 years old and have a lovely wife & two children, who are all out in the work force. I have worked in the Fastener industry since leaving school at 17. We do not have a mortgage. We live in an outer S/E suburb of Melbourne.

As a large part of our business is tied in with the auto industry, I don't think we would survive if that was taken away from us.

Our sub-suppliers (platers, coating services & heat treaters) would also have difficulty surviving as they depend on us for their work. There would be similar stories for all AUSTRALIAN manufacturing companies supporting the AUSTRALIAN auto industry (Directly or Indirectly).

If I was retrenched in the next 2 years I would not have sufficient funds in the way of super and savings to carry me through retirement. Finding a new job in a different field would be very difficult because of my age and skills.

A very large number of Australian workers will lose their jobs when the auto industry ceases production in Australia. This will add to the escalating unemployment, increasing the amount of unemployment benefits and pensions that will be paid out.

Skills will be lost, there will be less people trained through apprenticeships, we will fall behind technology and the job prospects for school leavers will be very low.

I want Australia to have an automotive industry that leads the world in Quality, Technology and Skills.

An auto industry that manufactures cars to suit Australia, something we can all be proud of.

Kind Regards,
Wayne McLean