

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am an Australian who is proud of our manufacturing sector and is saddened by the closing of enterprises or the moving of jobs off-shore.

Australians are many communities linked together. Car workers, unions, auto enthusiasts, auto mechanics, family members, want an Australian car industry. "Your spending is my job" is the attitude that got Australia through the Global Financial Crisis.

Shutting down the Auto Industry in Australia would mean the loss of 200 000 jobs.

I have checked the Australian Bureau of Statistics data and since the global financial crisis, car sales have risen in Australia. The market is recovering. Holden needs the assurance of sensible Government funding to make decisions about the viability of the manufacturing industry remaining in Australia. Australians are known for their creativity in research and development; and in the car manufacturing industry, this gives Holden a definite marketing edge; and something the public need and want, designs by Australians, for Australians.

Kind Regards,
Sandy Shearer