

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am married with 3 adult children. I am concerned for the future of our country - in particular I am concerned that we are offshoring jobs at such a rate, that we will have no career opportunities for many in the future.

I do not have any direct effect on people I know - but, over time, we will lose vital skills and vital component industries that will "dumb down" our workforce and limit the jobs we have in the future.

I am already devastated that I won't be able to replace my Australian designed and manufactured Falcon beyond 2015.

No automotive industry would be bad news for Australian jobs and the Australian economy. We have already lost so much - tyre manufacturing, white goods manufacturing (Electrolux is tossing hundreds of people in Orange NSW on the job scrap heap in 18 months time for example), clothing and footwear.

Once all these jobs are gone, these hundreds of thousands of people are most likely to be long term unemployed. So instead of subsidies to offset our relatively high cost of labour (we will never be able to compete with China on an hourly rate alone!) - we will be paying taxes to support these once independent and proud people on unemployment benefits. This would be a disaster for all of us!

Having an automotive industry is one of the few manufacturing industries we have left. All electronics, clothing, textiles, footwear, whitegoods etc etc have all gone.

What will we have when all there is left is mining? Sadly, mining is not sustainable and we will end up with a series of giant holes in the ground - and no jobs.

All that will be left will be real estate speculation and the banking sector - a terrible outcome for our children.

Kind Regards,
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