

Dear Productivity Commission,

Family of 4 full time employee in engineering consulting

Friend of mine is a process engineer for Venture Global

We'd be strong in making money from money (banking) and pulling things out of the ground (mining), growing food, cutting down forests, but not value adding (manufacturing). Any correction in the future to restore our manufacturing would incur high costs that are currently not counted to regain lost expertise and manufacturing infrastructure.

We need to channel our strong innovation in this country into manufacturing. We also need to stop taking one for the team, ie. doing all the right things in terms of free trade, while the rest of the world finds indirect ways to protect their manufacturing. Auto is also an industry of strategic importance - it's hard to manufacture armoured vehicles in times of need without an auto industry.

Kind Regards,
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