

Dear Productivity Commission,

Hi, I am the sole bread winner for my family with two small children. I have been working in the automotive industry as a designer for the past 20 years.

When I was training to be an industrial designer, a career as an automotive designer was considered the pinnacle of your career; here's why. The automotive industry is one of the most advanced manufacturing industries of our economy, providing a vast list of skilled technical expertise that supports many other sectors of the economy e.g. mining, agriculture, banking, military, medical; it is a long list!

The industry has existed in Australia for more than 150 years and over this time, has built a network of labourers, trades people, technicians, engineers, designers, materials specialists, tooling shops, plastics manufacturing, fabric and textile research, education institutions; this is another very long list!

Every other country in the world is bending over backwards to have an auto industry because of the skills and investment it attracts to all facets of the economy. This is why governments in other countries subsidise their auto industries A LOT more than we do - they see the value; why can't we?

Yes, I am concerned about what the closure of the industry will mean to me and my family, but I am more concerned about the role-on effects and long term impact it will have on Australia (loss of over 300,000 jobs). The impacts are something we under estimate and most people fail to see, not to mention that we will become the laughing stock of the world. I wouldn't want to be the politician responsible for destroying a legacy of over 150 years of development in technical knowledge and skills!

Kind Regards,  
Daniel Corcoran