

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am 58, and took out a mortgage only 5 years ago. I work full time and strive to support local and Australian industries whenever I can. I recently purchased a Toyota Camry, because it built here in Australia, meaning that I can help support local industry and keep jobs available.

My husband is self employed, he works in the earthmoving industry. He is always having to purchase parts or call on local tradesman/mechanics to repair broken down machinery or service his work vehicles. He also supports local and Australian owned businesses, as he knows only too well that having a job is one of the most important things in our well being.

This would absolutely devastate communities, people will move away, schools will lose pupils and close, teachers lose jobs, small shops will close and more importantly, skills people have who work in the car industry will be lost forever. these people will lose their homes, marriages will break down over money issues. this is a calamity that we have the ability to put a stop to. We must keep this industry going, it is economics gone mad to stop support now. These people would be unemployed and on the 'dole', looking to charities for monies. What a waste of skills, what a waste of families, please, re think the possibility of removing funding from this vital industry.

I feel for the workers, for the injustice that could be done to them. Many of these folk have worked for years, been loyal workers, only to find themselves being thrown on the scrap heap. Please, find some compassion for these workers, they deserve to be treated with dignity.

Kind Regards,
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