

Dear Productivity Commission,

I have been married for 21 years and have two children, 9 and 12 years old. Over the last 21 years I have been working mainly for the automotive industry as a patternmaker, programmer and now as design engineer. I need a job to support my family and be able to pay the mortgage.

A shutdown would mean that I would be out of a job and would have to join the unemployment queue for some time until I can retrain or find a job overseas. To leave Australia would be the last resort because I would have to leave my family behind.

To lose the automotive industry would mean Australia would lose a wide range of skills which would not only affect the automotive industry. It will have a flow on effects, lot of suppliers would have to close their operations, universities would lose touch in this field and overseas student would not study engineering in Australia because the know how would be missing. Currently every \$1 put into the auto industry generates \$31 in the whole Australian economy which would be lost. Shutting down the auto industry will mean the loss of 200,000 Australian jobs.

To lose the automotive industry in Australia would be dreadful for me on a personal and professional level. Australia would be a poorer place once the manufacturing industry has gone and it will not come back for future generations.

Kind Regards,
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