

Dear Productivity Commission,

Hi my name Lee and I'm a born and bred Australian driving holdens my Holden's my whole life and just finishing a restoration on an old HZ Kingswood. Holden is an icon of Australia and also Ford, together they bring competition at the track, a hobby for enthusiasts like myself who would rather tinker than sit in front of the box. Holden's are good quality cars built to last but were a throw away the society has become throw away. I believe it would be criminal to give up on Australian built vehicles which are also suited and built to our Australian climate.

As a mechanic I've worked for a Holden dealer in Perth. I also noticed the difference when the policy was changed and government cars were no longer Aussie only. In a small workshop holdens are a big part of day to day servicing and including restorations.

The automotive industry closing down would leave Australia with what? Nothing. What would we be able to stand up and say we do for our selves, we don't exactly export much besides our resources which we give away. We are a working hands on country we need to keep busy and the car industry is a big part of that.

This is important not only for my future but also my children's future when their first car will be a Holden like mine and my whole family. Between my parents, brothers and myself we own over 20 holdens at this point in time ranging from HZ 1979 all the way through to the VE Commodore. This would be devastating to us all.

Kind Regards,  
Lee Kooiman