

Dear Productivity Commission,

I work in the automotive industry and have a partner& mortgage

I have worked in various roles in the auto industry over the past 13 13 years including vehicle sales, sales for automotive component manufacturers, and now for an automotive manufacturer. I have seen first hand how much the industry puts into the Australian economy.

Shutting down the auto industry would mean that friends and family would lose their jobs and my current job would be put at risk.

Closing down the automotive industry would be disasterous fo Australia. It would lead to over 10,000 direct and indirect job loses. The loss of billions annually in taxes paid by the manufacturers and suppliers and their employees in Australia. Loss of billions annually in export earnings which would affect our current account deficit and trade balance as well as exchange rate and inflation.

It would also affect our ability to stand alone as a nation in the event of war or trade blockages as we would be completely reliant on imported vehicles and components. Lets not forget World War II was the reason behind the government encouraging the creation of an Australian car.

I have grown up with Australian made vehicles. I have owned 14 Australian made vehicles in 18 years of driving. I am a passionate supporter of the industry. The loss of the idustry would be a devastating personal loss as well as the loss of national pride. This on top of the previously mentioned loss of jobs and the massive economic losses.

Kind Regards,
Anthony Beggs