

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am a retired mathematics and economics teacher. I have also worked in the private sector as an I.T. applications specialist. The longest period of I.T. work was in the private health funding industry. I am single and do not have a mortgage.

I know a number of people in the car repair industry, which relies on components manufacturing, which in turn relies on the auto industry. For every \$1 put into the auto industry, \$31 is generated in the whole Australian economy. It is the obvious economic reality of flow on effects.

Closing down the auto industry is simplistic and short sighted. The flow on losses to the Australian economy are enormous. Australia gives \$500 million in subsidies to it's car industry, the lowest compared to the UK's \$978 million, Germany's \$518 million, and the USA's \$1.85 billion. And let's not kid ourselves, Asian governments also subsidise their car industries. The auto industry receives the second lowest levels of subsidies in the country, well below the \$900 million given to the banking industry and the \$700 million given to the mining industry. Shutting down the auto industry will mean the loss of 200,000 Australian jobs. Such losses are unacceptable and downright stupid.

Destroying the industrial base of a country is stupid and criminal. The United Kingdom has never recovered from this destruction. A nation cannot get by on playing the share market alone. The share market depends on a strong industrial, mining and very importantly a strong agricultural sector. Shutting these down would bring short term 'profits' and long term destruction of the Australian economy.

Kind Regards,
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