

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am a married father of 3 children, my wife and I both work in the auto industry. We are in our early 40s and still have a mortgage our kids are aged 6 - 16 with our middle son having down syndrome and our daughter just starting school our oldest is in year 11 hoping to be an electrician

With the end of the auto industry in Australia it would place our family into financial difficulty due to the loss of both incomes. This would then place our family onto government support due to the skills held by myself and my wife no longer needed and the chance of finding work slim.

The loss of an industry like the auto industry will have a devastating effect to not only cars but it will put an end to Australia's ability to be competitive on a global scale due to the skills that will not be passed on. We will not be able to advance forward in technology in all aspects of manufacturing and will be left behind.

This loss of the auto industry will place Australia in an economic slump due to the lost ability to be competitive and relying on low profit business to prop up the cost. All industry in Australia relies on the skills and technology produced from our auto industry.

Kind Regards,
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