

Dear Productivity Commission,

I am a 53 year old Senior Product Designer. I have worked in the manufacturing industry for 35 years starting at Government Aircraft Factories. I have worked overseas at Hughes Aircraft on satellite design and know that Australia has educated and created some of the best design engineers in the world. I currently work for Futuris Automotive.

If the auto industry shuts in Australia I and many friends would be out of a job. I plan to retire in 7 years but many friends are younger and would find it difficult to find a new industry with as many rewarding challenges as the auto industry.

One only has to look at the UK to see what is happening to us. Their auto industry closed down and now they have had to rebuild it, they have finally realized the importance of having a healthy manufacturing country.

The pride in being involved in Australian designed and manufactured components used by overseas companies is very important. I am currently in the USA trying to win a contract to design the seating for a new Tesla vehicle.

Our engineering and design have held Australia high in the eyes of the world for many years, don't lose it.

Kind Regards,
Wayne Watson