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Mr Peter Harris AO
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Dear Mr Harris

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE POSITION PAPER: AUSTRALIA'S AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

The Victorian Government welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Position Paper: Australia's Automotive Manufacturing Industry and further input to the inquiry on public support for Australia's automotive manufacturing industry.

Please find attached the Victorian Government's submission which highlights the need to re-align the inquiry to place greater emphasis on the component industry and include an examination of:

- ways to ensure that car makers have supply chain certainty until their planned exits;
- support needed for businesses and workers through transition; and
- options for government to assist in promoting diversification and securing export opportunities.

The submission provides information to support a greater understanding of the implications of the end of car manufacturing on affected businesses, workers and regions in Victoria, including labour force profiles of the regions that will be most affected.

The submission also provides more information on designing transitional assistance programs as a follow-up from the Victorian Government's initial submission to the Productivity Commission.

Should you have any queries about the submission, the appropriate contact at the Department of State Development Business and Innovation is Marita Walmsley A/g Director, Policy, Phone: (03) 9651 19884.

Yours sincerely

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