

2013 FAPM National Conference

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Australia's Vehicle Industry Union

- 48,000 direct employees
- Over 200,000 jobs all up
- \$43 billion benefit to the economy
- \$700 million per year in R&D expenditure
- Spill-over benefits to rest of manufacturing

Industry significance

- Every car on the road receives a subsidy
- One of the lowest tariff regimes
- Global race for skilled jobs
- For every \$1 economy gets back \$31
- Co-investment critical to securing investment

Government and auto industry

Industry	\$millions
Primary production	\$1,440
Electricity, gas & water services	\$1,100
Financial & insurance services	\$915
Mining	\$700
Motor vehicles and parts	\$620
Property & professional services	\$613

Source: Productivity Commission, June 2013

Government support for other industries

- Sustained high dollar
- Declining volumes
- Ford – gone 2016
- Holden – future uncertain
- Toyota – future likewise uncertain
- Most open market in the world
- Bipartisan support for ATS/car plan gone
- Lack of diversification

Pressures on industry

- Corporate welfare
- Uncompetitive industry
- Subsidising one industry to detriment to others
- Not making cars that Australian's want to buy
- MNC profits and company taxes go overseas

The debate - against

- 90% agree that manufacturing is an important part of Aust. Economy
- Car industry most recognised manufacturing sector @32%
- 65% agree that with Gov. support Australia can have a successful manufacturing industry
- 58% believe car industry is important for Australia even if hundreds of millions in gov subsidies are being spent.
- Anti 'handouts' but more reasoned when co-investment explained.

Public opinion

- Common ground
- Exchange information and messages
- Share communications and media opportunities
- Government relations and lobbying

Changing the frame

- 18th Nov. industry delegates in Canberra lobbying for industry
- PC submission
- 13th Dec. National Industry Delegates meeting
- ACTU support
- Media campaigning – social media
- Lobbying and community campaigning

Challenging the Government



AMWU supports local auto manufacturing – Join us and let's work together.
