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Dear Committee Secretary and Senators

## **The Australian manufacturing industry**

I Richard Burian, a Citizens Party member have 32 years service in the manufacturing industry as a toolmaker. The motor industry was my main employer, with Tenneco/Monroe for 13 years and Mitsubishi Motors for 18 years.

This period dated from 1972 till 2005 of varying disciplines. (I was made redundant). This was a time of large commitments financially and for the changing work force, a manufacturing powerhouse for quality, even in the 60s with large growth.

Manufacturing in Australia in general, has over many decades been a large employer, directly and indirectly, for many people, of many nationalities for many reasons. THIS is a very important fact.

It's the building of a great country by a flexible workforce technically, economically, socially, a multi-cultural country, (my parents n friends) and this knitted the communities into friendships. Australia had a diverse export program of many differing goods, cars, appliances, consumables, wines, etc and very independent, self- sufficient country.

It wasn't uncommon for people to get jobs in manufacturing with intentions to use it until they settled down, found something 'better' or what-economic ever their lives presented. Amazing how many liked it and had a job for life.

This has certainly changed for the worse, we're not independent enough.

Australia **needs** manufacturing for the above reasons, my father, brother, sister, in laws and

many friends worked in these industries, but many jobs, wealth, lifestyles, those building blocks have gone.

Our research and development, skills and training strengthen our position in quality manufacturing, a proud statement and this still stands.

Our white goods, appliances, clothing/textiles, machinery, technology etc are still around but MAINLY IMPORTS have damaged our national resilience.

Australia's medical industry has proven to being world quality, smart, cutting edge, one investment to consider.

Australia is a resource rich country, with smart and dedicated workers, but JOBS are NEEDED, manufacturing is a must to stand UP again proud and independent.

We need cost effective power/utilities/needs,/commitments by Governments and others and a **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK**, save Australia, save Australians, **INVEST** in our future people, **WE NEED GROWTH**

Technology is here, now for OUR COMMITMENTS to it.

Kind Regards  
Richard Burian