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Manufacturing in Australia.

Dear Hon. Senators,

Manufacturing is a vital engine for any high performing economy with sophisticated and advanced technologies. This is what will give high paying jobs and diverse engineering opportunities. In turn this flows into universities and research and development initiatives.

It's disappointing to think that Australia could have been the big Asian hub for electric vehicles - "EV family cars" - manufactured in Adelaide or Melbourne. Why be content with just importing Tesla EV cars! Together with affordable electricity from our plentiful clean coal, EV motoring could be the future of motoring in Australia. Naturally our unique requirements will need to be developed for Australian conditions such as long distance battery packs and fast recharging. The goal will ultimately be successful high volume manufacturing. A unique combination might be EV-hydrogen vehicles!

The Australian governments at all levels should have mandated the purchase of Australian made cars for government usage. Similar short sighted attitudes have lost the jobs of 125 staff at Australia's only PPE manufacturer in Shepparton.

Strategic industries need the 'smart' support of our Federal government. Industries like fuel, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, information technologies and aviation technologies need the underwriting and financial backing of all our governments. If a major crisis comes along, Australian society could only function for a matter of a few weeks before vital services would be crippled and food deliveries would come to a halt.

Yours sincerely,

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