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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Economics
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Dear Committee Secretary and Senators,

The Australian manufacturing industry

I'm making a submission to this inquiry as I strongly believe that Australia would benefit from a complete revival of the manufacturing sector.

Terms of Reference:

a. what manufacturing capacities Australia requires for economic growth, national resilience, rising living standards for all Australians and security in our region;

Australia has had its manufacturing industry shutdown over the last few decades. This has left many highly skilled workers forced to move to a different industry.

I believe Australia requires a base number of skilled workers for the manufacturing of the basic things that the country needs to function.

Outsourcing manufacturing to other countries is fine until they're unable to provide services, such as what occurred during the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020.

Australia was left in a very vulnerable situation when many industries that were not affected by COVID directly, were forced to slow down or even cease operation temporarily due to the indirect effects of the COVID-19 and its effect on the countries that Australia relies upon for their manufacturing.

h. the opportunity for reliable, cheap, renewable energy to keep Australia's manufactured exports competitive in a carbon-constrained global economy and the role that our manufacturing industry can play in delivering the reliable, cheap, renewable energy that is needed.

While it seems like manufacturing and the move to renewable energy are conflicting ideas, I believe they would help each other grow.

If manufacturing can be revived but must be renewable, there would a significant competitive advantage over other countries that are yet to convert to renewable manufacturing.

I believe it would be a slow start, it would pickup quickly once there are economic restrictions against non-renewable manufacturing.

Thank you for your time.

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