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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am making a Public Submission on behalf of myself to the "Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011".

I recommend you act to make this Bill moved and passed by both Houses of Commonwealth Parliament.

For too long, Australia has seen all of its manufacturing industries moved offshore. For instance, we no longer manufacture Clothes (China), Shoes (China & India), Toothpaste (Thailand & Vietnam), Printer & Xerox Toner (China), etc.

This means not only that we have shipped Employment & Taxes offshore; but also means that we cannot Repair any defects or fixes that need to be made. Whats more, our national Sovereignty is manipulated because even if we *WERE* in a position to make Clothes, Toothpaste or Cartridges from scrath, we no longer have the expertise to do so.

By forcing Qantas to base it's headquarters here for eternity, you are guaranteeing that we can make decisions in Australia, in Australia's best interests, hiring Australians and paying Australian taxes.

Mr. Joyce (CEO of Qantas) says that this is "protectionism".

He is correct.

If forcing a majority Australian-Shareholder-owned company to stay in Australia is "protectionism", then I am all for it - as I am sure the majority of Australians are!

Furthermore, I personally believe the idiology of entirely free markets, the economic rationalism idology of "Competitive Advantage", is flawed. It makes the assumption that each of the 181 Countries on Earth are experts in only some things, that they stick to only manufacturing things that they are experts in, and leave all those other things they are not experts in, to be made by other Countries where experts exist.

This is incorrect.

As can be seen by China & India, these Countries are involved in a manufacturing a number of things that *MANY* countries compete in - Cheap, plastic "\$2 Shop" items, call-centres, and steel.

There is *NO WAY* Australia can compete with either India or China. Furthermore, you cannot tell me that China & India are *ONLY* creating things that they are experts in, and leaving all other things to be manufactured by South Africa, or USA, or Venezuela.

It just doesn't work.

As a result, I believe a degree of "rational protectionism" must exist in Australia if we are to survive in the 21st Century.

I commend the "Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011" to you, and ask that you put it to Parliament to decide.