

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives. This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House the importance of the Australian car manufacturing industry to our future.

Since the earliest days of the motor car, the industry has enjoyed bipartisan support at all levels of government in Australia.

The car industry, and die many Industries that supply it, pay the wages for more than two hundred thousand Australians, It sustains families, communities and regions throughout Australia.

It is the cornerstone on which one million manufacturing jobs rest. We strongly oppose the \$500 million cut to the car industry's legislated investment demanded by the Coalition

We are concerned by the Coalition's refusal to commit to any assistance beyond 2015, which would deny the industry a further Si billion In the years to 2020.

This policy would not just sacrifice the car industry. It would decimate Australian manufacturing. It would deny our children the opportunities which are their heritage and their future. A sustainable car manufacturing industry must be a partnership between car companies, workers and their unions, and all sides of politics, giving the industry the confidence to make the right long-term investments.

We therefore ask the House to remember Its obligations to the working *men* and women of Australia, and call on the Coalition to abandon its opposition to the Australian Government's firm commitments for the car industry's future.