Who Killed the Auto Industry in Australia: The Employers, Government or the Trade Unions?

Date and Time
Tuesday 15 September 2015
9.30 am - 12 pm

Venue
Green Brain Conference Rooms 1&2
RMIT Storey Hall
Building 16, Level 07
342 Swanston Street, Melbourne

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RSVP by 5.00 pm, Friday, 11 September 2015

Note: Morning tea provided.

Presented by: Russell Lansbury, Adjunct Professor in School of Management at RMIT, and Emeritus Professor, Discipline of Work & Organisational Studies, The University of Sydney Business School.

What caused the decline and imminent death of the automotive industry in Australia? Some blame the current federal government for ending tariff protection and other financial support. Some regard it as a consequence of global corporate strategies which regarded the Australian industry as no longer viable. Others argue that the workers and their unions drove labour costs in the industry too high. This paper will examine the factors which contributed to the demise of the automotive industry in recent decades and speculate whether some elements of the industry might yet survive or be revived.


A panel of industry experts will join the seminar to provide commentary from a variety of perspectives.

Panel Members
Prof. Peter Fairbrother, Director GCRI and CSOW, RMIT University (Chair)
Mr Chris Meallin, Industrial Relations Manager, GM Holden
Mr Michael Gay (former Commissioner of the Fair Work Commission)

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