



## **Terms of Reference Establishing Committee**

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1. That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the closure of the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence, and in particular:
  - (a) the basis for the decision including the documents and other records that were considered by the Minister, including any economic or financial analysis,
  - (b) what consultation was undertaken prior to the decision with stakeholders, including commercial and recreational fishing groups, environmental groups and staff,
  - (c) the costs and benefits of the decision to close the Centre and relocate its functions to other locations,
  - (d) the extent to which the decision satisfies the Minister's responsibilities under the Fisheries Management Act 1994,
  - (e) any advice received by the Minister on the ability to replicate the Cronulla facilities at other locations, including potential problems and other implications of the other locations,
  - (f) the loss of the scientific expertise held by the staff who cannot relocate from Cronulla and the implications for sustainable fisheries management,
  - (g) the impacts of the decision on service delivery to stakeholders,
  - (h) the impact on staff and their families of the closure and the relocation, and
  - (i) the impact on the heritage values of the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre.
2. That the committee consist of seven members comprising:
  - (a) three Government members,
  - (b) two Opposition members,
  - (c) Ms Cate Faehrmann, and
  - (d) Reverend the Honourable Fred Nile.

3. That, notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders:
  - (a) the Chair of the committee be Reverend the Honourable Fred Nile, and
  - (b) the Deputy Chair be elected by the committee.
4. That notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders, at any meeting of the committee four members will constitute a quorum.
5. That a committee member who is unable to attend a deliberative meeting in person may participate by electronic communication and may move any motion and be counted for the purpose of any quorum or division, provided that:
  - (a) the Chair is present in the meeting room,
  - (b) all members are able to speak and hear each other at all times, and
  - (c) a member may not participate by electronic communication in a meeting to consider a draft report.
6. That the committee report by 23 October 2012.