



Inquiry into the closure of the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre of Excellence

TERMS OF REFERENCE

That the Select Committee 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.

Committee membership

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