

**Samantha Day**

**From:** Mark Speakman >  
**Sent:** Thursday, 8 September 2011 7:52 AM  
**To:** Katrina Hodgkinson  
**Cc:** Ilse van de Meent; Samantha Day; Mark Egelstaff; Matthew Cross  
**Subject:** Cronulla DPI Fisheries - URGENT  
**Attachments:** 2011-09-06 Budget delivers for Cronulla.pdf  
**Importance:** High

**Dear Minister**

Further to the exchange below, I request an urgent and full briefing on this matter - not merely a passing moment with you after question time today, which is what I understand your staff to have suggested to me.

I learned only yesterday about the closure to be announced today.

Yet less than 24 hours earlier, I was given Cronulla-specific budget papers which showed \$1.9 million for Cronulla fisheries in 2011-12. I was even given a draft media release mentioning the Cronulla fisheries.

Your office then provided mine with further oral information about that spending.

I then issued the attached press release.

The second last paragraph in the attached press release may be literally true. But less than a day later it emerges that it is grossly misleading. It's a bit like a doctor telling a patient that they don't have a cold, but forgetting to mention that their arms and legs are going to be amputated.

I am appalled at the misinformation and lack of consultation with me that has produced this embarrassing farce.

I have seen no briefing paper on the "decision" nor do I know whether it has been or will be going to cabinet.

Yours sincerely  
Mark Speakman

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>>> Ilse van de Meent > 7/09/2011 6:02 pm >>>

Dear Mark

With all due respect, I didn't confirm that you could say that the site would remain in public ownership. The reason you can't say this is because this has not yet been formally decided and I assume that this will ultimately have to be a decision for Cabinet. It is certainly not a decision that I can make and I therefore don't recommend you use this line - I certainly would not be using it.

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Instead, what you can say is that as the local Member, you are keen to explore future cultural and public uses for the site.

Also, I did say that the suggested speaking points are currently being developed in consultation with the Deputy Premier's Office, which we will send through once finalised and approved. In regards to the media release, I'll send it through once it's been cleared for issue and distribution. I'll certainly send you the release before it goes out so you know what's going on.

I hope that clarifies things.

Regards

Ilse

**Ilse van de Meent**

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The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP

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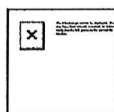
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**From:** Mark Speakman [mailto: [REDACTED]]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 September 2011 5:47 PM

**To:** Ilse van de Meent

**Cc:** Samantha Day; Katrina Hodgkinson; Mark Egelstaff

**Subject:** Cronulla DPI Fisheries

Dear Ilse

I confirm my advice to you just now that whatever else I say, I will be saying that upon learning today of the closing down, I asked the minister for and received an assurance that the site will remain in public ownership.

Regards

Mark Speakman

>>> Ilse van de Meent [REDACTED] > 7/09/2011 5:09:53 pm >>>

Dear Mark

I've attached another map which should clarify the building numbers.

The staff at Cronulla will be briefed at 09.30 tomorrow morning and a joint Stoner/Hodgkinson press release will most likely go out before question time. We showed you the draft copy of the media release this morning, but I'm more than happy to send you our final version tomorrow morning if you like.