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**INQUIRY INTO CLOSURE OF THE CRONULLA  
FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

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I am very concerned that closing Cronulla Fisheries is the wrong decision. There is an enormous amount of specialist knowledge, not to mention institutional memory and insight, which will be lost with this move. Many of the scientific specialists will not be able to make the move (e.g. because their partner has a Sydney based career, children are in school) and will not be easily replaced. Without using the best minds in the fields there will be suboptimal management of the wild fisheries resources and possible overfishing. It's a potentially disastrous decision and one which needs to be overturned.