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

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Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for accepting submissions from the public into the closure of the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre.

I do understand the benefits of decentralisation, however it makes no sense to "decentralise" the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre when it is based in southern Sydney, 30km from the Sydney CBD.

Additionally, it is a waste of public resources and makes no economic sense to close a perfectly equipped and functional centre.

The Primary Industries Minister has come across as arrogant in her approach, seemingly unwilling to listen to reason, and appears to have made the decision to close the Centre to be seen to be doing something in her portfolio. There is little fear of reprisal from voters because the Centre is located in a safe Liberal seat.

It is frustrating, as a resident of the Sutherland Shire, that no mention of the closure of the Centre was made prior to the last State Government election. It does nothing to instil confidence in the Government.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Meredith Woodward