

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

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Sir. RE: RELOCATION OF CRONULLA RESEARCH CENTRE

Since Nov. 2011, I have been attempting to obtain from the State Gov't., a copy of the Cost Benefit Analysis for the above project.

I feel certain that a major relocation such as this would necessitate such an analysis being completed as a first priority.

So far, although I have had replies to 5 of my letters from the Premier's Dept., the Dept. of Primary Industries (through Dr. Geoff Allan) & my local Member Mark Speakman, without any result.

In fact, although Mr. Speakman approached the relevant Minister (Katrina Hodgkinson) on this matter, he too has received no answers, which speaks volumes for the Minister's arrogance.

Yesterday I received the latest missive from Dr. Allan, referring to a Select Committee Enquiry into the proposed closure of the Cronulla Centre, naming the Members of this Committee & stating that you are Chair, & that the report is due for release on 23/10/12.

Whether this report is publicly released remains to be seen.

However, as I am very much against the facilities closure, I am requesting that your Committee enquire into the cost & benefit (if any) of such a closure & the effect on Employees & their families in the event that this seemingly unnecessary closure goes ahead, presumably to appease the very minor Party in the Coalition Gov't.

Regards (Mr) M.J. Balding