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

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Simple.

Please do not shut down the Cronulla Fisheries.

Why?

1. Moving jobs away from the Sydney area is not a viable economic situation
2. The costs of running the fisheries is negligible to begin with; what research was done to prove the fisheries are prohibitive?
3. Why encourage further brain-drain from Sydney? It is this sort of thing that is ruining Australia's future.
4. Australia is hosting some of the world's foremost ecological forums - and yet we can't demonstrate how we are taking care of our own scientists?

The motivations behind this closure are purely selfish and senseless. If "cost" is such a factor, the "benefit" of closing the fisheries seems to be focused on ill-informed decisions.

It is hard not to conclude that an individual or set of individuals are the only ones who will benefit. A political career should not weigh more than the lives of families, local economy, and passionate individuals who are dedicated to Australia's growth, prosperity, and ecological sustainability.

Please reconsider and choose to listen to the voice of reason.

Thank you.