

**Supplementary
Submission
No 56a**

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

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Date: 7/29/2012 4:46 PM
Subject: Fw: CRONULLA CLOSURE MK 2.doc

Dear Ms CUMMINS

I have already sent you a copy of my first email to Ms Hodgkinson (= Cronulla Closure Mk1) and as I did not receive a reply from her I sent her the following email.

In this one I expressed my concerns over the future of all the Educational Programs we Fishcare Volunteers run in the greater Sydney area, where over 70% of the States recreational fishers live.

We believe that the functions and roles of the Fishcare Volunteers in the Greater Sydney area were not even considered in the original decision to Close Cronulla.

I sincerely hope that our concerns over the important functions and roles of my fellow Fishcare Volunteers are taken into account in your Senate Select Inquiry.

Yours Sincerely

Robert A AUDESLEY

----- Original Message -----

From: robert audsley

To: JIM HARNWELL ; Barry O'FARRELL Premier ; Steven WHAN MP ; Carmel TEBBUTT MP ; Mark SPEAKMAN MP ; Adrian PICCOLI MP ; Clover MOORE MP ; Tania MIHAILUK MP ; Melanie GIBBONS MP ; Graham ANNESLEY MP ; Cherie BURTON MP ; Mark COURE MP ; Lee EVANS MP ; John FLOWERS MP ; Dunsan GAY MLC ; Stan KONSTANTARAS

Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 1:18 PM

Subject: CRONULLA CLOSURE MK 1.doc

Ms Katrina Hodgkinson

Mr Robert A AUDESLEY

CC: Ref Attached List

3rd March 2012

PROTEST OVER PLAN TO DECIMATE N.S.W. FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

Dear Ms Hodgkinson.

As I stated in previous correspondence to you (25-11-2011) on the above matter, as the Fishcare Volunteer Leader for the Southern Sydney region I am gravely concerned about our ability in the future to carry out our educational tasks once you decimate Cronulla Fisheries.

I have just returned from Cronulla where I went to pick up several boxes of educational material and 2 bundles of Fishing rods. These are to be used next week in taking 22 Boy Scouts from Lilli Pilli for their Fishing Badge and a group of 35 Disadvantaged Kids for a fishing clinic over the next 3 weeks.

Whilst I was at Cronulla I was dismayed to learn that the Community Services and Education Department of Cronulla Fisheries is to be relocated to NEWINGTON !!! In your statement to the Leader Newspaper on December 13th 2011 (in reply to my previous correspondence) you stated that "Fisheries staff—working with this program would continue to have a presence in Sydney". Well I guess being a Country Girl from Yass that to you anywhere in Sydney is good enough. However the movement of this entire department to Newington and the relocation of associated departments to Mosman, Menangle, Clifton Gardens, Wolstonecraft etc and even further afield, will seriously

curtail any Fishcare Volunteer activities in Sydney and destroy the existing synergy between these departments once these illogical and unjustifiable costly moves take place.

As I stated in my previous correspondence to you the Fishcare Volunteers perform a multitude of Educational duties related to Recreational Fishing. Most of these are directed towards the younger generation at schools, community groups and Scout groups etc.

Once the Education Officers are relocated to Newington then neither I nor any of the 35 Volunteers whose activities I help co-ordinate will be prepared to travel in heavy traffic halfway across Sydney, without any compensation for time or petrol, on a weekly basis to pick up material and equipment to use at Schools and Scout groups and then have to travel in heavy traffic for 1-2 hours to return it. Therefore all our activities will be seriously curtailed and thousands of kids are going to be deprived of learning about the great sport of Fishing.

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Would you now be so kind as to write to the Minister for Education and the Minister for Sport and Recreation and inform them that due to your stupidity and stubbornness in continuing with this unjustified destruction of Cronulla Fisheries that ;

1. Fishing for Sport currently conducted in several Southern Sydney High Schools will cease.
2. The excellent Get Hooked It's Fun to Fish Program" which was to be implemented into about 40 Primary Schools in the Southern Sydney Region will now have to be reviewed and probably dropped.
3. The Scouts and Cubs Groups in the Southern Sydney region will no longer be able to receive assistance from Fishcare Volunteers in attaining their Fishing Badges.
4. The Fishing Clinics for Special Needs and Disadvantaged Kids conducted by the Fishcare Volunteers in Southern Sydney will become a thing of the past.
5. The attendance by "BLUEY" (our very visible educational Trailer) at Southern Sydney events and school fetes etc will be severely restricted.

In closing Ms Hodgkinson, if your esteemed leader can revoke his plan to destroy all the petrol power boats in NSW by doing away with regular unleaded petrol, then surely it is not too late for you to swallow your pride and gain heaps of brownie points with about 1 million NSW Fishers and thousands of kids plus save the state of NSW millions of dollars by revoking this ill conceived plan to destroy Cronulla Fisheries.

Piscatorially Yours

R.A. (Bob) AUDSLEY

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ADDITIONAL ADDRESSEE LIST FOR
PROTEST OVER PLAN TO DECIMATE N.S.W. FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

Mr Graham ANNESLEY Member for MIRANDA
Minister for Sport & Recreation

Ms Cherie BURTON Member for KOGARAH

Mr Mark COURE Member for OATLEY

Mr Lee EVANS Member for HEATHCOTE

Mr John FLOWERS Member for ROCKDALE

Mr Duncan GAY Minister for PORTS

Ms Melanie GIBBONS Member for MENAI

Mr Barry O'FARRELL Premier

Ms Tania MIHAILUK Shadow Minister for VOLUNTEERS

Ms Clover MOORE Member for SYDNEY

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