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

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The Director
Select Committee on Cronulla Fisheries
Parliament House
Macquarie St
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Director

I write in support of the relocation of sections of the Cronulla Fisheries Research Centre to a number of locations, including the South Coast.

The relocation of the Centre will provide a significant boost to the South Coast through the strategic relocation of specialist industry staff. Their relocation to the South Coast and other regions across New South Wales will enable them to continue to provide world class fishing opportunities for the State's estimated one million recreational fishers whilst bolstering employment opportunities for regional areas.

The relocation process represents a significant boost for the South Coast by providing many social and economic benefits to the local community, including much-needed employment opportunities both directly and indirectly.

As the Member for the South Coast, I am absolutely committed to improving the economic and social conditions of my electorate. The South Coast is an area of overwhelming natural beauty and a move to this area is a move that comes with an enviable lifestyle, a safe community and lower cost of living.

The Nowra area is well-serviced with high quality educational institutions, medical and health facilities, retail and recreational benefits, making it a great place to raise a family.

Overall, it is the people of the South Coast who make it a place worth living in and I have no doubt that the local community will make anyone moving from the big city to our area feel at home.

The South Coast welcomes this move by the NSW Government to provide additional employment opportunities for the South Coast region which will further strengthen the social and economic fabric of our community.

It is also noted that Shoalhaven City Council has been consulted throughout the relocation process and enthusiastically supports the relocation of sections of the Centre to Nowra.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Member for South Coast