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Please include this one from yesterday that I sent directly to the Hon Niall Blair, Thanks

From: Dean Hayes
Sent: Sunday, 29 July 2012 10:43 PM
To: 'Niall.Blair@parliament.nsw.gov.au'
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Dear Mr Blair

I am sending my submission to you for not only the reason that I did meet you prior to you entering Parliament but also because you are the only member of the Nationals on this Committee, and it seems to have been a National Party decision to close this Facility. The announcement of the closure as I see it rather than decentralisation was made in joint press release by the Deputy Premier and the Primary Industries Minister on the 8th September 2011.

Since the announcement there has been no sign of the Deputy Premier on the subject of Cronulla Fisheries and from my view it seems that he stays well clear of anything that is not travelling to good. I've received the same treatment from his Chief of Staff on another matter, and this is the same person that required my help while he worked in that Office while in opposition.

Something that most of your Government members would not be aware of is that Cronulla Fisheries was decentralised/relocated from Kent street Sydney in the early 1980s. I don't think any of your crowd would be aware of this because you don't have a single member that has been in Parliament prior to 1988.

The Premier showed how non switched on he is on past decentralisations when he said on ABC Radio earlier in the year that the Department of Agriculture's move to Orange was a huge success by the Coalition Government 25 years ago, if it was 25 years ago that would have made it 1987 and a relocation done by the Labor Government as they were in power 25 years ago. It just shows how blah-zay politicians are on a lot of things and this Fisheries decision is exactly that. The Primary Industries Minister is trying to achieve what Ian Armstrong did with Agriculture between 1989 and 1991 when he had the Department relocate from the McKell Building in Haymarket Sydney to Orange in the Central West. I was based in the McKell Building in August 1989 when this announcement was made, I was only aged 20 years of age but I was already into my 5th year of employment with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries as it was known then. A lot of people started in the Public Service quiet young back then and in 1989 you were probably only starting high school Mr Blair.

The move to Orange for the Agriculture Department back then was fairly good except for the Fisheries part. Ian Armstrong wasn't as powerful as he thought he was back then and he lost Fisheries from his portfolio and his Department in May 1991, six months prior to the Orange move being complete. Fisheries was stuffed around back then and it is being completely stuffed around at present with Cronulla. In late 1991 I was one of only a handful that avoided being transferred to Orange as I stayed in an Office connected to the Ministers Office in Sydney but the move to Orange and the feeling amongst Staff that went and were recruited from elsewhere to be at Head Office in Orange was fantastic. The reason I say this is because Orange was one location and one date when everyone had to start there. It was a full relocation of the whole Department from the Director General down. Completely different to what is happening with Fisheries at Cronulla. We are all being split up to all over the place with many different dates and most of the

Staff that have indicated so far that they are staying on with the Department are relocating to the Sydney locations that have been included in the decentralisation, such as Mosman on the North Shore and Newington near Homebush. The Primary Industries Minister and the Premier should definitely not be comparing Cronulla Fisheries to what happened with Agriculture 21 years ago. The only member of Parliament from the Nationals that might have an idea of what happened back then could be Duncan Gay but he may of been to occupied with being Chairman of the Party, the same job that you now have Mr Blair. The other bad thing that the closure has caused is happiness to the Staff that get the Sydney locations and sadness to those that are expecting to relocate out of Sydney. Myself I never asked to even get sent to Cronulla from the CBD with Primary Industries and then to be now faced with the possibility of ending up at Nowra or prior to that I was down for Port Stephens.

My final whinge is why do Governments keep wanting to sell what they own and then start paying rent for something else. This completely goes against what most people are taught in their early years of working, save up to buy something so you don't have to pay rent which is dead money. I'm sure most politicians don't pay rent in a personal situation so why do it to the organisations that you are meant to be running.

Yours Sincerely

Dean Hayes
29-07-2012