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

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The decision to close the centre has not been well planned. It has gone ahead despite limited consultation with affected stake holders. 99% of the 150 staff will not be moving from the Cronulla site to the new sites, when the centre is closed. Expertise will be lost and this puts pressure on a natural resource which needs to be closely controlled and monitored.

The majority of commercial fishing in NSW is within the Sydney area. Moving this centre to the North and South Coast of NSW takes it further away from the majority of people in the industry which it supports.

The centre needs to remain in its current location with the same level of staffing.

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