

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Aaron Garrood

Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. These initiatives also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved. Lets focus on proven measures to solve the cat vs wildlife problem, rather than a simple 'we need to kill more cats' approach.

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Ms Abby Brown

Please bring in mandatory cat curfew 24/7 mandatory microchipping and change the legal status of cat to the same as dogs

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Name: Ms Adrienne Carlson

I live in an area bordering the Royal National Park, south of Sydney, which has particularly rich bird life. Both next door neighbours own pet cats, and neither are kept inside either during the day or at night. This is a big problem. Owners of pet cats are defensive and do not admit to their cats killing birds, small lizards or ring-tail possums, but I have seen the dead animals and taken injured birds to the vet. We have worked hard to make our property a haven for birds, particularly small birds like fairy wrens, and whipbirds but the neighbours' cats stalk the birds in our garden and there's nothing we can do about it. Areas around National Parks and sensitive bushland areas should be cat free, both feral and pet. I realise cat ownership can't be outlawed overnight, but the aim must be to reduce cat ownership with a view to eliminating it areas surrounding National Parks over the next cat generation (approximately 7-16 years). No new cats should be allowed, and all cats in the meantime should be kept within the boundaries of their owners' homes. Policies such as night time curfews can be introduced, but cats also kill during the day, s this would only be of limited value. We need a huge amount of public education about responsible cat ownership. I would recommend government-funded or subsidised de-sexing for cat owners, with a strong message about phasing out cat ownership.

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Name: Mr Alan Tarlinton

Harsh measures to control cats have not been proven to be effective in keeping wildlife protected, rather, we can see that human practices are the real culprits, as shown by the instigation of such measures in Victoria their failure. They also lead to worse welfare outcomes for cats, as outlined in the NSW Pound Inquiry. Cats are not the main threat to our native fauna and should not be demonised which leads to cruelty. In my experience, cats are generous and loving. We should address problems at the sources, with measures such as community and school education. Responsibility for pets and animal welfare should be on the school curriculum. Breeding and sale for profit of cats should be regulated. Owners and carers should be supported and desexing programs resourced. Cats have been our affectionate companions for millennia and they deserve our care and respect.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr Alan Stuart

Cats kill huge numbers of native animals and native birds each year. Predation by cats is a Key Threatening Process for native creatures. I am studying a native bird, the flightless rufous scrub-bird. There are cats everywhere and the scrub-birds are disappearing. There needs to be a serious coordinated effort to eradicate feral cats. But the problem is also about cats in suburbia. Cat owners should not allow their cats to roam as that means the cats are out killing birds and animals. Domestic cats should be confined. Cats other than licensed breeders should be desexed. Rangers should be required to remove and put down any cat seen in a public place. Households should have a limit on how many cats they can have (eg maximum of two cats). Domestic cats should be microchipped, and unchipped cats should be put down.

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Name: Ms Alexandra Popof

I wonder if the members of the Australian government have any idea about our environment and wildlife issues? It does not seem so. There is a MAJOR PROBLEM WITH CATS in the country. Lax owners who allow their cats to roam free at all hours are causing massive problems to wildlife as well as neighbours who do not want them on their properties and in their gardens. There is a major problem with feral cats from all these domestic cats roaming and breeding uncontrollably. It is difficult to legislate people to look after animals in their care properly BUT IT IS POSSIBLE TO LEGISLATE AGAINST MASS BREEDING OF CATS in this country. Why are cat breeding farms allowed? If you cannot control domestic cat ownership, neglect and cruelty at least do something to stop mass breeding of cats - half of which will end up in shelters. DO SOMETHING!!

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Mrs alexandra van dijk

Most "normal" people love cats! It's a disgrace to America to kill these innocent precious animals!

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Miss Alison Boulton

Am shocked to hear that cats are being demonised and targeted by baiting, trapping and other inhumane methods, methods that are both cruel and ineffective. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Regards Alison

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Alison Smith

Cats are suffering because of the ridiculous rule "cats are allowed to roam". Councils won't take in strays and hence the dumping, breeding and cruelty of abuse and starvation. How about more support to the rescues. How about getting control of the backyard breeders, hoarders etc. How about funding councils and make them take cats. How about more desexing and microchipping programs. Don't just let this go on as it is. ITS NOT THE CATS FAULT.

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Ms Amanda Barnes

We must prioritise caring for cats kindly, humanely and never forgetting they love their family, their friends - the bonds they build are strong, breaking up a loving family is not on. Thankyou

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Amanda Oliver

Recently the NSW Government quietly posted an inquiry into Cat Population management. There was very little information released except a one p - The legalisation of TNR Programs, and support for the rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Implementation of funding support for rescuers that run desexing programs. - Ways to take assertive action with cat hoarding without punishing the cats. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges.

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Name: Ms Amy Johnson

I am very concerned about the cruelty to cats in our community and it is easy to see that blaming them for the killing of wildlife encourages this cruelty. Research has shown that cats are not the biggest threat to wildlife, that in fact human activity is the leading cause of extinction. We know that culling cats does not work and that humane programs to control their population is essential. We need to prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices. Desexing and education are very effective humane methods. We need to use proven humane methods to control cat population, to stop cruelty. There is a lot of evidence showing the significant benefits of free desexing programs in low socioeconomic areas. We must establish humane evidence based practices. Constantly demonising cats and culling does not work and causes extreme cruelty.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Mr Andrew Lemann

I urge the NSW government to immediately impose strict restrictions on cat owners requiring them to keep their cats contained to their properties to prevent them from roaming and killing enormous numbers of small native animals every year. I further suggest that we should be encouraging efforts to catch and kill any cats (domestic or feral) found roaming at large. Thank you.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Andrew Savage

There should be a curfew from 8pm to 6am. This would allow traps to be set to catch feral cats - the felixer is effective against cats. Cats cause enormous damage to wildlife, even well fed cats hunt for fun. Cats carry toxoplasmosis, which is bad for native rodents. Implementing a curfew on cats is the first step in changing the general public view to be more aware of the damage cats cause to the native wildlife.

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Andrew Umphries

Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully,

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Angela Carrig

I am writing about the methods used to control cat populations. Like many humans in our country, cats are obviously not native to this land. Whilst like humans they can cause environmental damage for their survival they still deserve to be treated with respect and kindness or at bare minimum, without cruelty. Populations should be controlled with capturing and desexing programs not poisoning or other cruel methods. Our cat was homeless and rescued from living at the local supermarket (it took a few months of feeding before she trusted us and followed us home). We hate to think that cats like her could suffer under proposed cat management schemes.

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Ms Angela Eves

Please take RSPCA documentation very seriously. They actually have expertise in this area. The Government should not pass legislation that could increase animal cruelty.

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Mrs Angela Kelehear

The animal shelters like Hunter valley cat haven need financial support from the state government to rehome cats and kittens

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Ms Angela Nicholl

Cats will die if this legislation passes as written. Shelters will be overrun and bad actors will take this as an excuse for harming animals. Consider funding TNR programs and legislation that punishes animal hoarding without harming the cats

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INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Angelica Tiongco

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. The current laws are barbaric and must be revised.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Anna Brewer

Human beings have to support humane, science-based solutions for cat welfare and wildlife protection in NSW. The problems we face with wildlife are caused by human destructive acts, killing precious wildlife without punishments, destroying their habitats for housing, industries and farming, without any remorse, poisoning them, hunting and killing them. This is shown over and over again in public reports. Wildlife rescue data shows that cats aren't the primary risk to many threatened species. Killing cats to protect wildlife is immoral. Developers, farmers should be honest and look at the damage they are causing to natural habitats of wildlife. And to reduce stray/abandoned cat populations, community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, Trap neuter return and community education have the highest priority. Using poison??? And killing wildlife as well??? How insane that is! A NSW Government-commissioned report supports these large-scale desexing programs, not killing programs!

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Anna Brewer

Cats are sentient beings, kept indoors, or abandoned outside to fend for themselves. There have to be more stringent rulings concerning this subject, people have to sterilize their cats, take care of them, feed them well, if not, severe penalties should follow. Humans are fully responsible for the existence of abandoned, "feral" cats, and any rulings should be based on that. Feral cats are not responsible for the harm done to nature, wildlife. Again, human beings are, with all their indifference, greed, even liking to kill animals, be it wildlife or former pets. We have to keep that in mind and prevent more and more destruction of wildlife and their living spaces, livestock operations, industrialization, building new complexes, it destroys Australia's natural world, just to fill private pockets with money. Do NOT blame cats!!!! Trapping and killing cats is inhumane, poisoning is the devils work, where are we going using these torturous "means", We all say NO to this kind of "management", cats have to be stierilized, we all have to focus on that! Cats are keeping nature free of rats and mice, let them do their job!

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Anna Nolan

Demonising cats will bring great suffering to not only the cats themselves, but to a great many people. Cats are a critically important companion species that bring joy, love and happiness to all their human guardians. Cats are intelligent, loving, playful animals that bond deeply with their human companions and other animals. They should not be labelled invasive or problematic because of the intervening actions of humans to bring them into the country and for not implementing appropriate controls. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including de-sexing and education, subsidies for items like cat netting and fencing to secure properties, and supporting animal rescue organisations to re-home homeless kittens and cats. Let's support all of the amazing trap/de-sex/release groups for any cats not suitable for rehoming). Further, the lack of regulation and control in NSW for the breeding of companion animals exacerbates the issue. A logical solution to consider is to limit or ban the breeding of companion animals and direct resources to animals shelters, council pounds and rescue organisations to promote the adoption of homeless cats instead. With some thoughtful consideration, this issue can be solved with a kind sustainable solution that aligns with the kind and sustainable country that we should be striving to be. Lets lead the world with our progressive intelligence.

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Name: Mrs Anne Edwards

I feel all cat breeders should be registered with the RSPCA after a thorough investigation of those applying to breed cats and approved breeders should have a cap on the number of kittens which can be bred. Fines high enough to discourage the breeding of cats without approval should apply. Cats and kittens should not be sold by third parties such as pet shops, and only sold by the breeder themselves. Breeders should charge the purchaser for not only the kitten or cat at the time of purchase but a deposit on the cost of desexing the animal which would be returned to the purchaser when proof is given that the cat or kitten has been desexed.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Ms Anne Hartley

I am opposed to cat curfews because they can encourage cruelty to animals. Responsible cat owners keep their cats in at night and have them desexed, it also puts a cat that may get accidentally in danger. Provide more education and a free desexing program for a month a year for those who can't afford it.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Annie Mason

We must observe the highest welfare standards when it comes to management of cat populations. Humane methods must be employed. Studies have shown that measures such as curfews lead to more cruelty and killings. We need to focus on the origins: programs addressing desexing and owner education are more effective and more ethical. Science has shown that our notion of their destructive effects on wildlife populations is greatly exaggerated. Habitat destruction is the biggest killer of native species by far. We are more culpable than the cats. Cats are loving members of many families, bringing us great joy. We owe them respect, protection and care.

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Name: Mr Archer Fetzer

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education of pet owners. Free desexing events are well received in my community and cats get adopted from our shelter quite quickly. We have several animal welfare organisations who foster stray cats to bring them to a point where they can be adopted into a home. 24/7 mandated curfews have proven to be ineffectice and had many undesirable side effects.

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INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Asanki Fernando

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. There are non lethal methods of managing cat populations tnr programs have proven to work in many other countries.

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Ashley Boland

Cats should be culled as is being done with Brumbies and the grey kangaroo.

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Name: Beau Vella

I am a responsible cat owner who has two fully indoor cats. While I am not in favour of letting cats outside I am also extremely against culling or curfews because this really gives people a licence to enact animal cruelty. Imagine we did a person curfew because our population is too high. There would be riots in the streets!! There are wonderful organisations out there helping to regime, rehabilitate and assist cats. Instead of embarking upon a pseudo-massacre why don't you just fund free desexing, fund shelters properly and increase fines for owners of cats doing the wrong thing? Seems pretty simple to me. I don't know why the government even needs to ask this, but then again... it's the government.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Ben Mayo

I wish to make a submission to encourage the use of desexing programs to control homeless cat populations in NSW. As the owner of 3 cats - 2 of which were rescued through a welfare group, and the third after being dumped near our home, I have seen firsthand how homeless cats suffer when they have been failed by their owners, and by the irresponsible lack of desexing practices. There is a resident in our town that we have visited several times who always has several litters of kittens that are left outside. Each litter was an 'accident' but the only reason they keep having these 'accidents' is because they refuse to desex any of the males, even when its offered to them for minimal cost. All of our rescue cats have settled into a good happy life full of love and did not deserve to be dumped and left to the wild. They make our families that much more complete and we couldn't imagine them being victimised and the target of sanctioned violent attacks, any more than our human family members. Our current level of civilisation demands we use a science-based approach to controlling homeless cat numbers humanely. We must not resort to knee-jerk solutions that feed into demographics that are dogmatically predisposed to misinformation, fear and violent mentalities. The science shows that desexing programs can be the most effective approach to addressing this issue, while minimising the suffering of our feline friends. With Regards, Ben Mayo

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Dr Bernard Huxtable

It is said by owners that domestic cats "are kept in at night" and while this may be true the damage is mainly by day. Where we live in town there is a notable absence of small birds -there are cats in the lane and a crested Pigeon was killed by one in our garden recently . We have also found cats living in our Botanic Gardens a few years ago.

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INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Biljana Ruzic

We must stop the killing and hate campaign on cats. The problems will never cease if you don't deal with the real reasons we have so many stray cats. Let's be a lovely country and not a killing one! There is enough death and despair in the world. Let's not add to it! Keep Australia beautiful and caring!

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Brigid Prain

Dear Panel, this issue is of great concern in so far as it connotes a lack of responsibility in the human species. To issue the approval of random killing of cats is untenable. Breeding of cats is an inhumane practise based on monetary gain. Cats require the care of a human to healthily survive in these times and as such, there are many cats needing adoption in cat detainment centres. To issue the approval of random killing of cats is allowing the rampant rage stored in the human psyche an innocent outlet and as such will only fuel said rage by condoning its utilisation in the killing of another being. The most useful way forward that I can see is a ban on breeding and owning cats that have not been desexed. It is a long term solution to a problem that could have been avoided if humans had been more responsible. The next solution is to stop deforestation as it definitely humans that are contributing to species loss on a mass scale and not cats. Yours sincerely, Brigid Prain

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Bruce Luckey

I am very concerned about the cat curfew and how it will be introduced. There is a risk that pounds and shelters would be overloaded with subsequent large scale euthanasias and encourage cruelty towards cats. Control of cat populations should include : - Expanding Trap Neuter Release Programs, including financial support for rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Control cat hoarding behaviours. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges.

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Name: Mrs Caren Mitsios

Early this year, I visited the RSPCA to donate dog clothes. While there, I visited the cat shelter and was shocked and saddened by the number of cats waiting endlessly for someone to adopt them. It is a similar situation for homeless dogs. Cats though are prolific breeders and their population has and continues to get out of hand. A control on breeding more cats for the market needs to be tightly controlled by government laws. Microchipping and registers would help monitor numbers. Banning for a period of several years would enable numbers to reduce and be contained. There is also a need to promote adoption of cats and kittens needing a home. People have caused the cat population explosion either by irresponsible owners or breeders wanting to make more money. My mother lives with me and she has brought her cat to live with us. Coco is very gentle and intelligent and stays in doors at night. She likes to lie in the sun and sometimes investigate in our backyard. We always know where she is. I don't agree with a policy that catches and kills cats.

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Name: Ms Carla Francis

Hi, I oppose this plan to indiscriminately kill cat populations. Firstly, how do you know you won't be killing someone's beloved pet that is lost or other wildlife. This plan has not been thought through of the negative effects that can occur. Secondly, there are hundreds of animals charities working hard to get cats off the street, why don't you collaborate with these people instead of sending in a kill squad. It's reactionary and cruel.

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Name: Miss Caroline Burns

Even as a child I remember having a cat. I'm sure they weren't registered or chipped and certainly weren't contained. But all my life I've known them and I consider them as much a part of Australian life as anything else.. football, cricket, little aths, school, the old lab and the clever old cat. I'm crying now as I imagine the cruelty this invasive species council is planning for these poor animals being demonised with no care, in fact a chilling vindictiveness. There are better more humane methods, and killing or baiting or euthanising something because it can't call itself a "native" is almost Hitler like.

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Ms Caroline Draperich

Stop the madness please

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Caroline Van Haeften

Stray animals are completely helpless. As human beings it is our responsibility to humanely care for them. Governments must create laws that force ALL pet owners to spay or neuter their animals. Local gov. need to humanely capture stray cats & with care spay & neuter them. Once spayed & neutered, put a collar on them to show that these 'strays' have been spayed or neutered. What about 'birth control foods'? If these animals could be fed with foods that stop the animal from reproducing. A food that will not cause discomfort, pain or suffering to the animal. A fine must be given to individual pet owners who do not spay & neuter their animals. Human beings know better, animals do not.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Carolyn Katz

To whom it may concern, Could you please consider passing a law that owners of domestic pets are required to have their pets desexed. Perhaps the desexing could be government subsidized or there could be a set fee for the desexing cost. This would prevent the over-population of cats, and the suffering that follows. I donate to multiple animal rescues and the amount of abandoned animals is so large and has been increasing rapidly. This results in immense suffering and cruelty to innocent animals who cannot care for themselves. There are so many backyard breeders, and the condition they keep the animals in are horrific. Private citizens try to help, however, the problem is too large for them, and government intervention is needed. Please.

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Name: Mrs Catherine Desjarlais

Cats are being targeted and this is beyond cruel. They are vital and deserve protection.

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Name: Dr Catherine Sims

Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. These initiatives also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Catherine Weir

Humane, science based solutions are called for. I object strongly to and approach that involves mass killing, entrapment or any other form of cruelty. These approaches have previously been found to be ineffective and have resulted in more problems without resolution of the original issue. Please refer to the NSW Government report the supports desexing programmes and shows that killing is ineffective. Mandatory 24 hour containments have increased impoundment rates, increased complaints, did little to reduce roaming and as such have been rejected by various councils because of their ineffectiveness. Please refer to RSPCA 2018 report. In the NSW Wildlife Rehab Dashboard cats were at the bottom of the list. Unsuitable environment was at the top. I beg you to not approve the mass killing of cats. I place my faith in your ability as respected elected representatives to choose a humane and scientifically based solution to this issue. Professionals have provided reports which clearly indicate large scale desexing and community education I are the most effective strategy . Thank you for reading this submission.

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Name: Ms Chia Wong

Advocating for Humane and Sustainable Cat Population Management Respect Community Sentiment: Automatic culling and demonizing cats are unacceptable and repugnant. Cats, like dogs, are cherished members of our communities and deserve humane treatment. Support Cared-For Cat Colonies: Properly managed cat colonies, supported by responsible caretakers, can coexist within communities without harm. These colonies play a vital role in stabilizing stray populations. Invest in Neutering Programs: Subsidized and accessible spay/neuter initiatives are proven, ethical methods to control cat populations while ensuring the well-being of the animals. Transition Away From Automatic Culling: We urge authorities to phase out harmful culling practices in favor of animal contraception and other non-lethal management strategies. Respect for Responsible Ownership: Limiting the number of cats per household is unnecessary when owners provide proper care and ensure their pets do not harm others or the environment. Promote Coexistence, Not Control: A collaborative approach that values community input and emphasizes education and support will yield better outcomes for humans and animals alike.

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Name: Mrs Chloe-Nicole Bignoux

I fully appreciate our wildlife and agree that we need to do all that we can to keep these creatures safe, however, killing cats, particularly in these horrifying, inhumane ways hasn't worked previously, so why do this again? There are several other science-backed solutions that are so much kinder to cats. For example, community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. These initiatives also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved. I feel that if you can try all of these options instead, you would be helping all involved - wildlife, all cats - including strays, lost cats and ones with homes and people. People, for the reason that you are setting a great example of ways to solve problems such as this, with kindness and compassion. That would, in my opinion, contribute to making our world a better, more compassionate place. Thank you so much for your valuable time.

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INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss CHOO KHIM SIM

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suffering

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Christina Sceats

I am very concerned about the cat curfew and how it will be introduced. If passed, many cats will be taken to the pounds and shelters, which will be overloaded and result in subsequent large scale euthanasias. The curfew may encourage cruelty towards cats and people in the community might try and trap and kill cats themselves. The financial burden of creating contained outdoor cat spaces will deter many from pet ownership. This is an equity issue and will especially have a negative impact for the elderly, many for whom cat ownership is vitally important for positive mental health and wellbeing. Cat owners might choose not to have their cat microchipped so that they will not be fined if the cat escapes. This will lead to many cats being unnecessarily euthanised as they can not be reunited with their owners. Control of cat populations should include : - Expanding Trap Neuter Release Programs, including financial support for rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Control cat hoarding behaviours. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges. I hope you will consider a more balanced and humane approach to this issue. Kind regards, Christina Sceats

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Christine Fenwick

The governments plans to enforce a curfew on cats. I believe this will encourage cat haters to catch and kill peoples pets, it will encourage cruelty to innocent cats and kittens. The problem is not the cats, the problem is as always with anything that goes awry in this country is the human element ! Humans who fail to do the right thing by animals and the laws on how to raise and keep pets. Please reconsider this agender to rid the country of cats. I agree that cats should not be allowed to roam free for their own well being and for the protection of our wildlife, but there has to be a better way to address this and to police this situation. Australia holds the esteem title of “cruelty to animals” how very proud do we feel about that !

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr Christine Mckinnon

I'm writing this short submission to strongly encourage the New South Wales government to formulate laws for the 24/7 containment of domestic cats. It is well known that the domestic cat is responsible for the death of millions, if not billions of our native wildlife. Australia has the dubious distinction of being a country with the highest extinction rate in the world of our native animals. Domesticated cats as well as their feral cousins are responsible for this. Domestic cats should be contained 24/7 just as our domestic dogs are. Please make this law.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Christine Stroud-Watts

Cats are fantastic pets. They offer friendship and companionship and are always there when you come home. Educating pet owners and communities about responsible pet ownership is essential. Encouraging people about how to keep their cats safely indoors or contained within property boundaries, such as in cat patios, can help keep both cats and wildlife safe. Community outreach, media campaigns and school programs teaching pet care, the importance of spaying/neutering and safe indoor environments. Supporting local initiatives that help manage community cat populations through rehoming programs, targeted desexing and fostering. Offering free desexing to low income households would go a long way to decrease what is seen as cat problems. Please don't hurt cats. We love them.

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No 560**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Clare Doran

Please stop cat breeding and kitten farms. They are the root of the problem. If people want to own a cat, they should only be able to buy them from shelters. All cats should be desexed and spayed.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr Claudia Koller

It is well- evidenced that roaming cats cause a lot of damage to wildlife with detrimental consequences for some species. They also spread diseases to humans, e. g. toxoplasmosis. I would like to avoid this parasite but as cats have access to my garden and to public areas, I am involuntarily exposed. I would like to see the same rules apply to cats as they do to dogs, I.e. that they must be on the leash on public property, contained in the owners' yard otherwise, and their faeces be picked up and disposed of properly.

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Collis Anna

Please prioritise cat welfare and humane management practises such as desexing.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Corey James Davidson

Subject: Urgent Call for Action on Cat Welfare and Overpopulation To: The Parliament of New South Wales From: Corey James Davidson, Rescued Cat Owner I urge the New South Wales government to act swiftly to address the ongoing cat overpopulation crisis and improve animal welfare. As a cat owner, I have seen firsthand the benefits of responsible ownership, including desexing and adoption. I support PETA's strategies to create humane solutions to these issues. Each year, shelters euthanize around 50,000 healthy cats due to overcrowding, while 1.32 million cats are still purchased, contributing to this crisis. To reduce numbers, state-funded, accessible desexing programs are essential. A single unfixed cat can produce up to 5,000 offspring in seven years, and desexing improves both animal health and behaviour. Cruel methods like poisoning or shooting are ineffective and inhumane. Instead, we must focus on prevention, education, and support for rescue groups. I call for the following actions: 1.Ban sales of animals by breeders and pet stores. 2.End kitten farms that exploit animals. 3.Continue mandatory microchipping for responsible ownership. 4.Increase public education on desexing and adoption. 5.Fund shelters and desexing programs. 6.Ensure humane euthanasia practices. 7.These steps will improve the lives of cats, wildlife, and the community. I urge the 8.government to act quickly for a more humane, sustainable future. 9.Promote NO KILLING shelters Sincerely, Corey James Davidson Rescued Cat Owner and Advocate

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Corinne Krogh

Rather than just looking into cat populations and curfews please consider implementing ways to control the population with affordable desexing and support to responsible rescue organisations. My fear is that if you publish information / statistics you will only encourage cruelty from the population that already have a vendetta against cats and will see it as a justifiable public service.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Cornelia Herschel

I WILL NOT TOLERATE CRUELTY AGAINST CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS!!! WE NEED HUMANE SOLUTIONS - NOT MORE VIOLENCE!!! Cats are being demonised and targeted by baiting, trapping and other inhumane methods, methods that are both CRUEL and INEFFECTIVE!!! PRIORITISE CAT WELFARE AND SUPPORT HUMANE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, INCLUDING DESEXING AND EDUCATION!!! Wildlife rescue data shows that cats aren't the primary risk to many threatened species. Key threats include habitat loss, vehicle collisions and dog attacks!!! NO EXTERMINATION AND MASS KILLING!!! NO INCREASED SUFFERING FOR CATS IN THE STREETS!!! NO FORCED MANDATOR CONFINEMENT WHAT CAUSES MORE STRAIN ON RESCUE AND ANIMAL SHELTERS!!! PRIORITISE CAT WELFARE AND SUPPORT HUMANE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, INCLUDING DESEXING AND EDUCATION!!!

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Cornelia Herschel

STOP THE EXTREME CRUELTY AGAINST CATS!!!!!! Cats are intelligent, social, playful and loving animals who deserve kindness. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Daniel Rianto

unfortunately - cat traps/baiting; with the amount of natural wildlife in the area - cats should be kept indoors (see canberra policy - <https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/cats>); This will also help reduce amount of unwanted kittens born; as a rspca foster - i would rather foster cats who need to be rehomed rather than kittens found abandoned, then needing to be adopted. Desexing vouchers are a great idea, however - we need to get people to register their animals - <https://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au/> so there is accountability of the owners. Education - with the demographic of multicultural migrants we need this information in various medias in their multicultural languages because change starts with getting people informed, then changing the culture.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Danielle Stewart

I urge decision makers to adopt humane methods of controlling cats and to focus on the number one problem which is human cat owners. I recently had an experience where we had a stray cat coming around, I caught it and took it to the vet where they found it neither desexed or microchipped. The vet sent it to the pound but a week later it was back here. I found it appalling that the pound would release the cat back to irresponsible owners. I believe the cat should have been desexed and microchipped before it was given released back to the owners at the very minimum. There should be tougher penalties on cat owners that do not desex, microchip or contain their cats. We rescued our cat from a rural property nearby where the cat was allowed to roam and had constant litters that weren't looked after or dealt with responsibly. This is a human caused problem and will continue to be. I believe money should be spent on more facilities to house the cats that are found and need homes. More incentives and free desexing, ban breeding cats in Australia all together for the future.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr David Langley

My back yard literally backs onto Lane Cove National Park, about which I'm a keen observer. I have two infra-red motion caption cameras permanently set up keeping me informed as to what is going on in my back yard in the wee hours. Occasionally I get a real thrill and see possums saddle-backed by their joeys, or even bandicoots ambling by. Unfortunately, far more frequently I'm seeing a huge array of cats, out on the hunt in the middle of the night, many with prominent collars indicating they likely belong to someone. I think it is high time cat owners bear responsibility over what their pets get up, so would fully support, at the very least, a night-time curfew.

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No 570**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: David Middleton

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr David Palmer

I would like to congratulate the NSW Legislative Council for conducting this enquiry into the management of cat populations in NSW. As a volunteer bush regenerator, helping to preserve habitat for local native species, I feel that controls on cats would help protect our native animals and allow them to persist in suburban environments. Cats are born hunters, responsible for killing an unacceptable number of native animals, yet they are subject to fewer controls than dogs. I have seen cats roaming my neighbourhood, one of them belonging to a resident who lives about 500 metres away from my house. Control measures should include Microchipping, desexing and 24/7 pet cat containment. Control programs should be funded by the NSW State Government and administered by local councils. Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission David Palmer OAM 11 November 2024

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr David Regal

Killing cats to protect wildlife has not worked before and it won't work now, and doesn't solve the problem. Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. This will also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved. A NSW Government-commissioned report supports large-scale desexing programs instead, showing that killing programs are ineffective. The NSW Pound Inquiry has recommended a proactive solution: providing grants to councils and rescue organisations to fund large-scale, targeted desexing programs across the state, including community cat desexing in areas with large homeless cat populations, especially disadvantaged communities. These kinds of programs are a long-term, compassionate solution that reduces stray cat populations without demonising cats.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr David Stock

Hi Thank you for considering my submission. I'll keep it brief. It would be refreshing to see government adopt an approach which deals with the cause of a problem rather than a reactive strategy of popular politics which seeks quick wins with special interest groups and plays whack-a-mole with the symptoms. To reduce the issue of stray cats we need to start 'upstream': 1. stop breeding which doesn't meet regulations (cats must be desexed and microchipped and there must be financial consequences for non-compliance). 2. mandatory desexing (except in approved circumstances, see 1. above) must be enforced 3. owners (and prospective owners) must be educated - obligations, responsibilities, awareness of the need for containment/available options AND consequences for non-compliance. For animals which are already homeless, TNR programs have been shown to be effective. Demonisation/scapegoating of cats for harm to wildlife has not been shown to be effective but has the potential to encourage and excuse cruelty to animals. Thank you.

**Short Submission
No 574**

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms deb dare

To Whom This May Concern I support humane, science-based solutions for cat welfare and wildlife protection in Current plans for the management of cats are not based on proven strategies and though research and evidence . They are also cruel strategies that do not meet the requirements of basic animal welfare. Community Education , free desexing programs, and creating limits for cat breeding are solutions that have proven to work . Thank you for your consideration Yours Sincerely deb dare Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Debbie Davis

Cruelty to any sentient being should not be tolerated and it certainly should not be condoned or encouraged. If poisons, such as those inflicted on rabbits, dingos and dogs are developed to specifically target those animals and we are told they do not effect other animals feeding on those infected carcasses, why can't sterilisation baits be developed for feral animals? This would be a much kinder, cheaper and effective method to gain population control and eradication. Killing feral animals has not reduced the population to date. Cat protection agencies have been requesting compulsory desexing, licensing and microchipping of cats for years. The current microchipping system is ineffectual. It should be a national system, administered by one body, with the ability to easily update, for example a change of address or the date of decease. This will allow the scanning of microchips to give an immediate result. More money should be spent on council rangers working at night to catch domestic cats, with owners having to pay a fine for not containing their cats at nighttime. A bigger fine should be payable on any feral cats found with identification. I also don't believe any cat breeding facilities should be permitted.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Debra Tomasums

My concern is for all the cats that are currently being dumped. We have lived in Baulkham Hills for 24 yrs and never had a problem with stray cats until about 18months ago. Local houses have been rented, and then sold the properties developed. People have moved out, and I am surprised at those when asked how their cats were coping with the move, are quite happy to say they left them behind and I shouldn't be concerned because "cats can fend for themselves".It was becoming a big problem so I took it upon myself to trap these cats, check for microchips (there were none), and then pay for the cat to be desexed. I ended up doing this for 11 cats. I now keep 3 inside, rehomed 4, and the other 4 are being fed by myself and neighbours. Problem solved - no more kittens or male cats fighting. I have a bird bath and the same number of birds still visit and we have not seen any evidence of dead wildlife. Education, and desexing being made compulsory is my suggestion for helping solve the problem.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr Desmond Bellamy

The problem with any invasive species is never solved by killing - that just frees up the ecological niche for younger, fitter and better adapted individuals. The solution is to stop the exponential growth of populations. With cats, this is far simpler than other wild-living species - ban all but a few very responsible breeders, and ensure that all animals taken as domestic companions are desexed and kept indoors.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs DIANNE LYNCH

KITTEN FARMS ARE INHUMANE , CRUEL AND UNETHICAL. THANKFULLY PUPPY FARMS WILL BE BANNED OR EXTREMELY REGULATED FOR THE WELFARE OF THE ANIMALS.NOW KITTEN FARMS NEED TO BE INCLUDED AS WE KNOW THE EXTREME NEGLECT AND SUFFERING MANY ANIMALS ENDURE. WE NEED THE SAME RULES AND REGULATIONS. PLEASE ENSURE ANIMALS ARE PROTECTED FROM FARMS TO BACKYARD BREEDING, WE MUST END THIS PRACTICE NOW.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dita Škalič

I do not support the current ways of dealing with cats. They just hurt and kill sentient beings without really solving the problem, as the surviving cats breed faster and the empty space quickly fills with new cats. Other communities around the world have had more success with campaigns where cats - both feral and those whose carers cannot afford it - were sterilised or castrated and homes were found for feral cats. Even those that cannot become pets can be given homes in fenced-in community gardens where wildlife is kept out.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Don Robertson

I support the introduction of effective pet cat containment laws in NSW. Local councils should have the power to mandate that owners of pet cats keep them contained to their own property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This way that the tremendous loss of life of native animals from predation by cats can be reduced. Such loss is caused by pet cats as well as feral cats. Research released by the Australian National University in 2023 found that roaming pet cats kill around 66 million native animals each year in Sydney alone. Keeping pet cats contained within their owner's property will benefit both the cats and their owners as well as birds and other wildlife. Research shows that pet cats kept responsibly at home can live up to 10 years longer than roaming cats, as they pick up fewer diseases, and avoid being hit by cars, attacked by dogs and involved in fights with other cats. A true win-win situation.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Elaine Andrews

How much government funding is being spent on this barbaric and ludicrous scheme when many families are homeless? With the cost of living expenses rising I would think money spent sensibly offering free desex vouchers at all vets to assist in the prevention of more unwanted kittens to be far more effective and beneficial to our feline species. Are other animals exempt from the harmful effects of these poisons suggested or will unfortunate families need to have funds available to treat their pets who accidentally ingest? I live just around the corner from a shooting that took place just a few nights ago and these disgusting humans charged will be given another chance of life. Sadly due to ignorant politicians who determine the welfare of most animals, many cats and kittens will die because humans think they're a better and more deserving species!

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Elaine Johns

Car Desexing is the answer over Cat Culling...

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Elizabeth Moran

1/ All councils in NSW must accept cats brought to a pound. 2/ Stray populations need to be removed not just desexed and returned. 3/ Penalties for owners whose cats are out at night. Any cat found after "curfew" would be impounded. 4/ While it may be harsh, euthanasing any cats that cannot be rehomed. This will all cost money which is why the survey is in place. Fees from fines could go towards the salaries of animal patrol officers. (These officers could also be utilised to ensure that dogs are on leads in parks except in official off leash areas. Meadowbank Park has many dogs off leash in non off leash areas. It will only take 1 small child being knocked down for major issue to arise.)

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Elizabeth Stock

Dear Ms. Hurst, I wish to see tighter controls for domestic cats within New South Wales and that this should be legislated immediately. Restricting domestic cats' activities to within buildings would significantly reduce the unnecessary death of native animals. Our native animals are already threatened and these controls would benefit their survival. They need to be valued above our introduced domestic companions. Yours sincerely, Elizabeth Stock

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr Elizabeth Nelson

I am horrified at the way in which cats are being scapegoated as the cause of environmental issues that are not of their making. The primary cause of wildlife decline is not cats - rather it is human development of land due to increased population. Cats have been made a convenient scapegoat by certain groups to avoid addressing the much more difficult issue of increasing population. I object to the way in which cats are being designated in very negative terms as an 'invasive species'. They are no more an invasive species than millions of other sentient beings that live on this continent. The demonising of cats must stop. Cats are loving, intelligent, sentient beings. They must be treated kindly and with care. Programs that manage cat populations humanely, through desexing and provision of shelter are necessary. I strongly object to any measures that involve cruelty to these beautiful animals.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Elizabeth Sayers

Cats, both domestic and feral, cause enormous destruction of birds, reptiles, marsupials and small mammals. Cats should be subject to all the controls dogs have. They should be desexed, kept within their owner's property and only leave it when on a lead. If kept in a cage outside they should not be allowed to yowl all day but should face the same regulation as barking dogs. Cats spray other people's property, they poo in other people's gardens, including in vegetable patches and children's sandpits, and they transmit debilitating diseases such as toxoplasmosis. Left to roam at night they fight or engage in raucous mating rituals which disturb the peace. It is depressing to have a garden planted specifically to attract birds, insects and native wildlife and have it decimated by cats. they should especially be banned from National Park environs.

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No 587**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Ellen Gould

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education, can make a difference.

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms ELYSE STERNBERG

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Emma Borley

The biggest problem is rescuers and independent rescuers face us funds to desex and help the stray population. As an independent rescuer I have spent thousands of dollars on desexing and rehoming. There is no relief or funding. We need vets to be on board and the rspca to release some of their funding (as they have alot) to help us reduce the undesexed population. The financial crisis is real. The government needs to work with us not against us. Mandatory confinement will not work and will just overload the pooubds. Pounds then kill thousands of innocent animals. Work with us to help desex and rehome.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Erin Arundel

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. TNR'ing is a successful practice implemented in the USA, which needs to be introduced in Australia - and NSW would be the perfect state to start. This would reduce the fast growing population of stray cats due to owner neglect of desexing as well as illegal dumping of animals. Additionally, more NO KILL shelters and rescues need to be introduced to manage the TNR'ing, as well as management of subsidised and free desexing days to encourage owners to desex their cats and dogs. These animals do not deserve to die due to the neglect of humans - let's HELP them instead.

**Short Submission
No 591**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Fazilatun Nur

In support to the control and care for the cat population.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Frances Wiedersatz

The lady across the road died. Her cat which is now feral has been living nearby for several weeks. I hear it hunting and killing during the night. The poor cat will not let me get near it. I catch glimpse of it now and then in our front garden or around the side. I have approached the council for assistance but they had none to offer and recently approached animal welfare with the same outcome. Meanwhile this poor probably starving creature is hunting native birds, lizards possums etc which live in abundance in the gardens and nearby vacant lots. It is time that enforceable policy was introduced and appropriately funded to reduce the number of feral cats that roam our suburbs lunatics animals in order to survive.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Gaby Meares

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. These initiatives also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved. Most cat owners already keep their cats confined, but some face barriers like housing restrictions, high costs to modify properties, or lack of information. Mandatory 24-hour cat curfews, however, often target semi-owned or stray cats, which have no owners to enforce confinement. These curfews can backfire, with some people abandoning cats to avoid fines, adding to the stray population. Demonising cats can also encourage harmful actions, with mandatory curfews sometimes leading to unchecked cruelty, as there's often little oversight on trapping practices or what happens to the cats afterward. I own two cats, both are kept indoors 24 hours a day. But they are lucky, we have a large home with plenty of space for them to roam and play. Not all cats have this luxury. It's easy to demonise cats. However, Wildlife rescue data shows that cats aren't the primary risk to many threatened species. Key threats include habitat loss, vehicle collisions and dog attacks. Please consider my concerns as part of your Inquiry. Yours sincerely Gaby Meares

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Geraldine Austin

The facts and figures are in regarding the damage cats do to the native birds, reptiles and animals of Australia - see 'The impact of pet cats on Australian wildlife' https://www.nespthreatenedspecies.edu.au/media/dehnttbf/7-4-the-impact-of-pet-cat-impacts_f.pdf. This damage is catastrophic and influences the biodiversity of our environment! I feel that the best way to deal with this problem is to: - eradicate feral / roaming cats as much as possible - trapping, Felixers, shooting - keep pet cats indoors all the time - better for the environment and the cat - change the NSW Companion Animal Act so that local councils have the right to make cat registration and micro-chipping mandatory; impound roaming registered cats; and euthanise any cats that aren't registered. Registered cat owners would have to pay a fine to get their cat back and if they were caught a second time, they would be euthanised. A similar set of conditions that dog owners have to abide by. - have all registered cats de-sexed. - people who breed cats would need to be registered and meet strict criteria to have un-sexed cats in their possession.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Gillian Cowie

Regarding feral and overpopulation of 'street' cats. I understand the need to reduce the number of wild cats, both for the protection of native wildlife and for their own wellbeing. However, I believe that any human action in reducing their number must be painless and as stress free as possible. The 'trap, desex and release' is one method that can be used. Otherwise, euthanasia must be administered by a professional who is able to perform the process in a humane way. Poison is not the answer for any creature. Thank you. Gillian

**Short Submission
No 596**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Gina Bennett

Please bring in a desexing program and stop backyard breeding. More animal charities need funding. RSPCA only receive 1% of government funding. This is disgraceful and disappointing.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Giovanna Bonanno

These animals have right to live. Placed in this position by us humans whom have not done right by them. Control breeding statuses but allow them to live. If chance to re-home give them that right. Not like now some vets do not even want to see a domestic cat that been dump by some heart human. I have offered to pay for vet bill, take responsibility and still refused consult to cat. RSPCA has discarded so many just because of homeless. The state of life people in rent still discarding pets just to be able to put a roof over there heads. Laws have changed but people with pets are overlooked. Stop this killing of cats as not there fault are in the streets

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No 598**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Giovanna Bonanno

Cats should be allowed to roam and not considered as feral. Domestic cats and homeless cats have right to live. Feral cats should be contained from breeding not NO KILLED.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Glenn Hodges

I am strongly opposed to the concept of a cat "curfew". We owned a cat for almost a decade. She was a stray who adopted us (rather than the more formal process which is where the humans choose the cat!). As a stray, she was very much used to living outdoors, and would often ask to be let out during the night in the summer months (Over time, she decided that it was more important to "defend" the inside of the house during the cold winter months). She would happily roam up and down the street, considering it all of her domain. But, she would always return when food was required - or rain began to fall. A curfew would not be understood by a cat. How do we let the cat out to go to the toilet, but only on the strict instruction that you return, if it happens to be between the hours of X and Y? It is not a reasonable proposition, and is one that i am very much opposed to.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Gordana Ruzic

Dear Government RE: 24hr/ 7 days a week cat confinement I strongly disagree with the proposed cat confinement laws for these reasons and am recommending these solutions: - Will increase animal cruelty - The mental health impact of vets/people who euthanize healthy animals. Vets already have a high suicide rate - Habitat loss (land clearing & development) are the biggest reason for wild life destruction, pollution and many other issues not relating to cats. The poor cat does not have a voice and is getting blamed for everything! - Desexing and responsible pet ownership education is the only humane option and proven to decrease cat population - There should be free desexing offered all year round - Cats control the rat population -Humans need to learn to be responsible and accountable for irresponsible pet ownership. Not the poor cat who is the victim! - Humans need to have tolerance to animals who also deserve to be on this earth. We are becoming a very greedy and narcissistic society - Cats are beautiful creatures who bring alot of people so much joy! Their purring has been proven to reduce blood pressure, stress and promote healing. Come on Australia!! We are supposed to be an animal lover country!! Regards Gordana Ruzic

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Dr Gordon Elkington

I strongly support the position being taken by the Animal Justice Party in relation to the proper treatment of cats. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. And more attention needs to be given to non-lethal reproduction control procedures, such as transmissible infertility, where cat numbers are seen as a problem.

**Short Submission
No 602**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mr Gregory Bran

As a WIRES volunteer & therefore witness first hand to the carnage wrought by feral & domestic cats not restrained indoors at night I seek to urgently update NSW's lagging laws on feline management. Local Councils & Gov't appear impotent until such laws are updated Please assist as a matter of utmost urgency !!! Thank you. Greg Bran. Sustainable Australia Party.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Gregory Dubler

Cats Should be contained at all times because it is in their nature to kill wildlife and they also cause great disturbance to people in the local area, especially near parks and reserves as I can hear them fighting late at night with wildlife and other domestic cats. Cats wonder into my yard and even enter my home through our dog flap. They are a menace and a dangerous nuisance. They have scratched my dogs in the face while entering our home on numerous occasions. We live in the sensitive environment of pittwater whi h needs to be preserved. Currently the New South Wales government has laws that prohibit containment of cats. This is ridiculous and local councils should have the right to determine their own laws to protect the natural environment? Video setting up in which we live. I strongly recommend that contained laws become mandatory in New South Wales for the protection of parks reserves.And forests.

**Short Submission
No 604**

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Gunilla Lofstrom

Cats living on the streets suffer from lack of shelter and care. Cat welfare must be prioritised in dealing with their suffering. Humane management practices including desexing and education must be supported. There is no excuse for using cruel methods. That is not worthy of a civilised country.

**Short Submission
No 605**

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Hollie Chalmers

Hi, I urge you to please prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Cats are such beautiful animals, smart with huge funny personalities. Please help us educate the community & save these poor animals.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Jacinta Wilson

I disagree with a possible proposal to contain cats via curfew. In the long term, this will not fix any feral cat problem. Human nature will see cats being abandoned in record numbers, and cruelty increased by 'cat haters'. I believe that councils/governments need to approve the legalisation of TNR Programs and provide support for the rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. The government needs to implement funding support for rescuers that run desexing programs. Councils must look at ways to take assertive action against cat hoarding without punishing the cats. Councils can consider implementing education and support in areas with religious, socio-economic, or other demographic drivers that cause population challenges.

Short Submission
No 607

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Miss Jacqueline McGrath Curtis

Please save these cats in every way possible. Thank you.

Short Submission
No 608

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Jacqueline Glyde

If we can educate the people to have their cats desexed then we wouldn't have this issue. Innocent cats need loving homes

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Jacqueline Liyan

Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR (trap-neuter-return), and community education have proven to be highly effective in reducing stray cat populations. These initiatives not only alleviate pressure on local councils, shelters, and rescue groups, but also support the well-being of veterinarians, nurses, and volunteers involved in their delivery. A NSW Government-commissioned report has highlighted the success of large-scale desexing programs, showing that traditional culling methods are ineffective. The recent NSW Pound Inquiry recommended a proactive approach, advocating for grants to councils and rescue organizations to fund targeted desexing programs statewide, including community cat desexing in areas with significant homeless cat populations, particularly in disadvantaged communities. Such programs offer a long-term, compassionate solution to reducing stray cat numbers without resorting to harmful practices or demonizing cats. A key component of this solution is supporting semi-owners and pet owners in underserved areas by providing free desexing and microchipping

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: James Campbell

I endorse the suggestions of Jordan Lane, MP for Ryde in regard to managing cats in NSW. In particular, establishing cat desexing vouchers for low income households, trialling curfews for outdoor cats around NSW, improving pet owner awareness of rights in rentals/strata and securing government funding to assist rescue groups with desexing. All these solutions are sensible and responsible and take into account the socio economic pressures which can prevent pet owners from doing the right thing by Australia's previous ecosystems

Short Submission
No 611

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Jamie Trower

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Jane Hagan

I support any laws that encourage people to keep their cats inside 24 hours per day. Cats have a devastating impact on our wildlife, and our wildlife should take precedence over introduced species. I am a cat sitter and my observation is that even the cats which I am told need to go out at certain times of the day are quite happy to be inside and not go out. I deplore the current laws that say that it is OK for a cat to roam into other people's property. It is not OK to make your cat someone else's problem. Owners of cats who let their cat roam should be fined. As a cat owner and cat sitter, I would like the inquiry to make some provision and protection for cats which accidentally escape. Although if caught the owner should not be protected from a fine, I believe for infrequent offences, the punishment should stay on a monetary basis and not extend to the destruction of the pet, unless the cat is not identifiable or the owner refuses to pay the fine. If the cat is allowed to escape more than say four times a year, the council should be able to remove the cat from the owner.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Jane Mussett

I acknowledge that feral cats are a problem, but the solution to that problem cannot be cruel and inhumane shooting and poisoning programmes. Feral cats only exist because there is no mandated desexing programme in NSW, nor a mandated cat enclosure programme. I have read the submission that PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) is making to the Committee and I support it 100%. Money can be spent on poisoning and shooting, which, while it may achieve the painful death and injuring of some feral cats, will also certainly achieve the painful death and injuring of many native animals as well. Money would be much better spent on targeted programmes of restricted breeding, mandated registration and mandated desexing of cats, and mandated cat enclosures. The Committee has a choice about how money is spent on dealing with feral cats: a humane spend or an inhumane spend. It has a choice between a short-term solution (shooting and poisoning) and a long-term solution (restricted breeding; mandated desexing and cat enclosures). The choices seem clear to me. Thank you for having regard to my submission.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Jane Prior

Dear committee, I would like to express my concern regarding the deleterious effect roaming cats have in on wildlife in my backyard/neighbourhood. I live in the bushy suburb of Avalon Beach in an EEC of remnant spotted gums and have observed a cat or cats, day and night hunting. I strongly urge you to protect our wildlife from roaming cats by legislating to make residents responsible for their pet(s) by keeping them enclosed in their yards. I believe dogs are supposed to be under this constraint (though unfortunately roaming dogs is an increasing problem). I should not have to put up with an unwelcome exotic animal in my yard! When we were Pittwater Council there was an attempt to ban cats out at night, which didn't last as folks ignored the edict. Cats are very capable of flushing out our bandicoots and native rats. I'm appalled that people have so little regard or awareness of the danger to our dwindling fauna. Awareness, strict legislation and penalties are key to turning this around. Thank you Kind regards Jane

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Jane Simmons

My concern is that in metro areas, like where I live in the inner west of Sydney, wildlife is not in any real danger and many people are doing their best to create safe spaces for their cats but within the context of roaming freely close to home during the day and inside at night. What point would there be in doing a black plague riddance of all cats where there are controlled colonies as well? I feel that this proposal to keep cats inside might be needed in areas of high wildlife danger but please be realistic. There are dog parks that are off leash because it is understood that they should have areas to run and play. Is a cat's yard not that too? I would support a proposal to have mandatory desexing of cats unless you have a licence to breed them much more than a restriction of territory. Let's be honest, it is people who are irresponsible and the animals that tend to suffer so instituting restrictions to keep cats inside is a disaster waiting to happen. Cats are also wily creatures who will find a way outside if they wish. How are we going to prevent a massive uptake of cats collected and destroyed by the pound if this goes through? I think it needs further thought and consideration given the urban setting of many pet homes.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Janet Mitchell

I am concerned about cat welfare and would like appropriate measures be taken to provide free desexing of cats for owners who are financially pressured. I would like to see people being educated in terms of the actual statistics of wildlife threats by cats , when there are more deaths to wildlife caused by other means - humans being the chief perpetrators. An education program will help to stop any cruel and unwarranted behaviour towards cats. Personally , I keep my cat indoors in the evening . During the day I tie an orange high viz strip of fabric around his collar so birds will spot him. (Birds have acute vision and can spot an ant from 20 stories up and will see colour before they hear a cat bell) This simple method has been shown to reduce bird kills by 87%. I also have a disc around his collar that is solar powered . It lights up a bright green at night and think this helps in terms of wildlife seeing a cat on approach. These simple measures are cost effective and go towards saving the wildlife from attack

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Janine Orban

I would suggest that once or twice a year local councils be encouraged to hold pet awareness days. Combining local vets, charities like RSPCA and Animal Welfare, food companies like Pet Barn and Pet Circle where pet owners can obtain information on caring for animals and desexing services. Perhaps local vets can offer discounted desexing services. Not sure if the NSW government can part subsidise this. Once I was at the RSPCA shelter at Yagoona and they advised the Vet Students from Sydney University came to the shelter to desex cats and dogs as part of their training. Is this relatively cheap service used enough?

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Jean Conway

I have been working closely for a cat rescue organisation since 2006 and my thoughts are:

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP is one of the most effective ways of reducing cat wandering and abandonment. After all, it is people who let cats stray or abandon them that cause the problems in the first place. Having cats de-sexed and keeping them indoors (advising this causes no harmful effects on them and keeps them safe from ticks and snakes etc.) goes a long way to preventing feral cats and loss of wildlife by feral or owned cats. If children are taught responsible pet ownership in schools – perhaps by rescue organisations holding workshops, this would result in more responsible adult ownership. Governments would be better off spending money this way and with free or subsidised desexing programs.

FREE OR SUBSIDISED DESEXING PROGRAMS are of enormous help in cutting down the cat population and preventing strays and abandoned cats from parenting kittens. It results in less feral cats in the wild as many pregnant cats are dumped in the bush. Even though predators may kill some of the litter, usually one or two can survive.

BAITING AND KILLING CATS over the long term has been proven not to work! It has been happening for years with very little results and some of the methods are very cruel and some are not good for our wildlife either. Desexing Programs and education do work.

Short Submission
No 619

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Jennifer Valentine

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Jenny Bunyon

Dear members of Parliament, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed eradication of stray cat populations in New South Wales. As a dedicated cat owner and active community member, I have firsthand experience in the care and welfare of animals. I have personally cared for numerous cats, both as beloved pets and as strays in need. This experience has instilled in me a profound respect for these animals and a deep understanding of their needs. I have also actively participated in community efforts to rehome sick and injured animals, working alongside other compassionate individuals to provide them with the care and love they deserve. I am particularly troubled by the proposed methods of cat eradication. Such measures are not only cruel but also ineffective. Community cat programs, which focus on trap-neuter-return (TNR) and rehoming, have proven to be a humane and sustainable solution to managing feral cat populations. These programs reduce suffering, improve public health, and protect wildlife. I urge the committee to prioritize humane, science-based solutions to manage cat populations in New South Wales. By investing in TNR programs, education, and habitat restoration, we can create a more compassionate and sustainable future for both cats and wildlife. As sir David Attenborough once said "It's surely our responsibility to do everything within our power to create a planet that provides a home not just for us, but for all life on Earth." Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Jenny Bunyon

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Jenny George

I would like it known that there needs to be something done with regards to the exploding cat population. It needs to be made mandatory that you can only own one cat and that it must be desexed and not allowed to roam freely outside. You can have it in a cat enclosure or inside. There's far too many cats that are being dumped both in town and outside of town. The numbers are exploding and they are just killing everything. It's about time that we as a society stood up and take responsibility for the dwindling wildlife numbers. Please do something sooner, rather than later.

**Short Submission
No 622**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Miss Ji-hee Lee

Please direct funds to create sustainable cat colonies and do not enforce cruel and torturous practices such as baiting that could also have negative environmental impact.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Jill Green

Dear Upper House enquiry I strongly support legislation to apply throughout Australia to contain domestic cats indoors and boost measures to remove feral cats from the environment. Cats are responsible for the killing of incredible numbers of wildlife. Suburban bushland and natural areas support significant numbers of animals, especially birds, reptiles and insects. Cats have an innate urge to injure or kill these animals. They roam large distances, particularly at night, to carry out this natural behaviour. There are so many forces increasing the threats to the survival of wildlife such as climate change and land clearing that are hard to control because of the continuing growth in human population and demands on our natural resources. But the damage caused by cats, especially domestic cats can be controlled simply by containing cats indoors or in an enclosure in a backyard or courtyard. It is essential that this action is taken urgently. The survival of much of Australia's unique wildlife is already threatened with extinction. We owe this action to future generations. Yours sincerely Jill Green

**Short Submission
No 624**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs jill selles

Please choose a humane way to deal with stray cats. They can be caught in humane ways, desexed, microchipped and homes found for them. Animal welfare organisations can be consulted and together find solutions. Jill Selles

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs jill selles

I have always been a cat lover. I realise that they are killers, but believe cruelty to them is totally unacceptable. I wish for them to be humanely caught, desexed and homes found for them. For those unable to be homed, there are shelters. As an absolute last resort, humane euthanasia. The vet puts them to sleep, so they don't have fear or pain.

**Short Submission
No 626**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Jillian Alsford

Dear Sirs/Madams Thank you for taking action on puppy breeding. However, it is time that we took action on cats as well. Why dont you bite the bullet for this matter as well. It is most important that all animals have a good life span with caring humans to look after them. Jillian Alsford

**Short Submission
No 627**

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Joanna Toale

We must support the humane treatment of community stray cats and prohibit catching and euthanasia of stray cats. Council should support those who manage cat colonies and encourage desexing to decrease numbers of street cats which is scientifically proven effectively to control populations.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Joel Newman

Dear whoever's reading I understand that the NSW government's starting to hate cats; fuelled by the Invasive Species Council who want cats poisoned and contained which isn't going to work; education and and desexing are the way to go. I love cats; please be kind to cats; they're wonderful. Utilise better solutions to stray and or feral cats than poisoning etc YS Joel

Short Submission
No 629

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mr johan van dijk

PLEASE PROTECT OUR PRECIOUS CATS!!! Don't allow evil people to kill these poor innocent souls!!!

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mr John Macpherson

We are a politically informed community which advocates for humane solutions like TNR, subsidized neutering, and community-supported cat colonies. These solutions demonstrate a thoughtful and compassionate approach to addressing issues related to stray and feral cat populations. It's important to remind people that the problems attributed to animals, such as ecological imbalances or property damage, often stem from human actions—habitat destruction, irresponsible pet ownership, and lack of proactive measures. By implementing ethical solutions, we can create better outcomes for both animals and humans. Many voters like me oppose the crude and casual culling of animals, particularly cats which are integral members of our families and communities.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr John Maunsell

The death of wildlife due to cats is much less than the deaths due to road kill. Using your logic then all cars must be taken off the road to preserve wildlife. Plus the never ending clearing of native trees and bush by humans has an even bigger impact on native wildlife than cats. Again, using your logic stop the clearing of all land by humans. The problem is not cats, as usual it is human behaviour.

**Short Submission
No 632**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mr John Neill

I regard the omission of kitten farming being included with the recent legislation controlling puppy farms as absurd. I urge the government to correct this mistake at the earliest opportunity possible.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr John Seddon

Dear Sirs, State legislation needs amendment to deal with the predatory European cats being allowed to roam freely and savagely kill Australia's unique native wildlife to the point of their extinction. This invasive species has exponentially increased and now numbers millions of domestic and feral cats throughout the Australian continent. Yet successive politic leaders have failed to control or reduce this No1 invasive species to manageable numbers. It is no longer sufficient to defer to cat owners that they a primarily "companion pet animals" as there numbers are out of any current method of control such as culling. They have been free to roam without hinderance and australian native wildlife has had no natural protection against such efficient ambush predators. They are credited with being responsible for the extinction, near extinction and probably future extinctions of native wildlife, to the point where Australia leads the World in the extinction index. This is not something to be proud of! Pehaps the members of the review committee can put aside your political inclinations and recommend immediate practical action to deal with this problem. Gentlemen and Ladies I live in hope that real action to deal with this issue comes out of your deliberations, rather than the lack of meaningful action in the past.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Dr Jon Lewis

Management of cat populations in New South Wales With regard to domestic (pet) cats, NSW needs laws which require containment of these animals by their owners, within the owner's property boundaries. It is absurd that cats are not covered by laws similar to those required for dogs. Cats are an introduced species and, like foxes, are skilled predators which kill millions of native animals every year, at a time when many native animals are at threat of extinction. I hope the Committee will make strong recommendations for the introduction of appropriate cat containment legislation. Kind regards, Jon Lewis

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Joseph MUSMARRA

Please stop murdering these lovable, spiritual and intelligent creatures that God has sent to your house when a cat suddenly turns up and wants to stay, Egyptians strongly believed that cats protected you from bad spirits, we have had cats all our lives and have bought us good fortune and health. Mahatma Gandhi stated that the greatness of a nation is judged by the way it's animals are treated , so please do the right thing and try and find homes for these beautiful and intelligent creatures, if you do this God will find a place for you in Heaven, thank you.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Josh Lucas

Enforce curfew to start and hopefully as mindsets change cats should remain inside at all times or under properly installed cat runs outside. The curfew will allow council to bate for feral cats using the devices like the felixer. The curfew however doesn't protect bird life and other diurnal creature's and only nocturnal animals. I can't have a vegetable garden due to a large amount of neighbourhood cats using it as a litter tray and I don't want to potentially expose my pregnant wife to toxoplasmosis. Not only is toxoplasmosis bad for humans but its horrible to wildlife. It inhibits the survival instincts of rodents and marsupials around cats. Cats devastate wildlife for fun. It's what humans selective bred them to be. Cat lovers know they are in the wrong the just don't care. It's time for change. Ps I own a cat, it lives inside, it has environmental enrichment and lives a good life.

Short Submission
No 637

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Judith Leslie

Controlled de-sexing The general public should Not be able to take their own measures

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Julia Cranmer

Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. These initiatives also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved. A NSW Government-commissioned report supports large-scale desexing programs instead, showing that killing programs are ineffective. The recent NSW Pound Inquiry has recommended a proactive solution: providing grants to councils and rescue organisations to fund large-scale, targeted desexing programs across the state, including community cat desexing in areas with large homeless cat populations, especially disadvantaged communities. These kinds of programs are a long-term, compassionate solution that reduces stray cat populations without demonising cats. The best solution is helping semi-owners and owners in disadvantaged areas by providing free desexing and microchipping through programs like the Community Cat Program. Proactive community cat programs have been scientifically proven to reduce stray cat populations, decrease nuisance complaints and prevent wildlife predation. The Rand myth of domestic cats & urban wildlife provides a helpful summary of common misconceptions and effective solutions such as desexing for managing cats and reducing the number of homeless cats. When creating policies for reducing feral and community cat populations, it's essential to consider the Vacuum Effect, an ecological principle demonstrating that removing animals from an area only results in new animals filling the space. Without addressing the root causes of population growth, removal efforts are unsustainable and ultimately ineffective.

**Short Submission
No 639**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Julie BOZICEVIC

Cats are wrongly vilified and are not a threat to wildlife. Cats are victims of the Human system.
Cats must be treated humanely and desexed, not shot at or poisoned

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Julie Proietto

Over the years we have helped save a number of stray cats and have found loving homes for them. We have befriended them, desexed them and have kept a few as part of our family. I think that a mistake is made when people regard them all as feral, when they are stray cats just wanting a loving home and to be looked after. Originally I was more of a dog person and unexpectedly became a cat mum, as my first kitten/cat was stuck in our wall cavity. Cats do get a bad reputation as being wild and aggressive, but they can really can be very loving and became one of the family. I think that they needs to be a better system in place for stray cats, so that they can be de-sexed and rehomed. I look at the shows on Television about rehoming dogs (Dog House) and think wouldn't it be a good idea for there to be a show for cats to be re-homed. I feel that there needs to be a better education and understanding of cats and their welfare in the future.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Karen Burgess

To Whom it may concern, Humanity has a responsibility to care for all living creatures great and small in a humane and fair way. All considerations must be examined to find the most appropriate way forward for all concerned. To vilify an animal because it is successful in surviving when others are not as resilient is hypocritical as we as a species are experts at survival at great cost to all living beings. We are responsible for the struggle our native animals are enduring. Land clearing being the number one cause of native animal reduction. Desexing of cats should be a priority when considering cat control. Making it affordable and convenient for people to implement. Being from Newcastle I was disgusted with the Port of Newcastle who hired a contractor to shoot a colony of cats living in Stockton Breakwater, despite these cats receiving consistent care like feeding and desexing by a local cat welfare group of volunteers. People should be educated in the care of cats, not letting them breed, having them desexed and supplying a secure home for them. Children could be taught at school how to look after a cat not merely told they are a pest encouraging cruelty and misconception.

Short Submission
No 642

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Karen Denine

Legalise and support trap, neuter and release programs. Fund animal rescue groups Ensure any rules enforced are accessible to all cat owners Allow cats in rentals so they can be indoor animals Free neutering programs for cat owners

**Short Submission
No 643**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Karen Giammarco

Your country needs to protect and take care of all animals. Stray cat, dogs, etc., are living creatures and need care, food, water, etc. Would you like your country to treat your family and children like that.

**Short Submission
No 644**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Kassie Young

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Katalin Stern

The current cat population and continued growth is clearly a failure in the current system. People are the issue not the animals, they breed and populate due to the ignorance and refusal in desexing. I hear it time and time again " I don't want to desex because my kids will love seeing kittens", "my religion doesn't support desexing" when I question the responsibility of the pending kittens and plan for these, I hear answers like "I'll sell or give them away on Facebook or gumtree" and if I ask about these kittens being desexed or vet checked the answers are "not my responsibility". For those that claim they don't believe in desexing for religious grounds also refuse to contain their cats so they become part of the problem. There needs to be more TNR programs for managed colonies, pet owners need to be held accountable and fined accordingly. The problem is not the cats but people and a failed system. Without consequences for those that don't take responsibility for their part in the problem and neglect the animals welfare nothing will change. People are responsible for more injuries, death and harm to wildlife then cats and this is not as a result of survival/instinct. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

Short Submission
No 646

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Miss Kate Deegan

It's pretty pathetic how people are treating cats

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Katherine Grace

Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. These initiatives also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved. A NSW Government-commissioned report supports large-scale desexing programs instead, showing that killing programs are ineffective. The recent NSW Pound Inquiry has recommended a proactive solution: providing grants to councils and rescue organisations to fund large-scale, targeted desexing programs across the state, including community cat desexing in areas with large homeless cat populations, especially disadvantaged communities. These kinds of programs are a long-term, compassionate solution that reduces stray cat populations without demonising cats. The best solution is helping semi-owners and owners in disadvantaged areas by providing free desexing and microchipping through programs like the Community Cat Program. Proactive community cat programs have been scientifically proven to reduce stray cat populations, decrease nuisance complaints and prevent wildlife predation. The Rand myth of domestic cats & urban wildlife provides a helpful summary of common misconceptions and effective solutions such as desexing for managing cats and reducing the number of homeless cats. When creating policies for reducing feral and community cat populations, it's essential to consider the Vacuum Effect, an ecological principle demonstrating that removing animals from an area only results in new animals filling the space. Without addressing the root causes of population growth, removal efforts are unsustainable and ultimately ineffective.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Katrina Handford

A curfew is not the answer. Government needs to legalise TNR programs and provide support to rescue groups that focus on reducing colony sizes. Implement funding for rescues and vets to run low cost desexing programs. For everyone. Not just to those on government payments. Educate those people of religious populations who do not think it is right to desex a cat, thereby adding to the kitten population constantly. Educate these people, provide support to rescue groups in these locations. A curfew is just going to let those hateful people out there think they have free range to torture and kill cats. People do the most heinously cruel things to cats. Please don't encourage them even more by allowing this to happen.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Kellie Kanaar

I work in the pet cremation industry and I know first hand that cats are incredible animals who deserve our love and compassion - not our cruelty. How can we spend hours enjoying their antics on line and then turn around and say murdering them is OK?? Murdering cats as a solution to managing their population is outdated, and belongs only in the history books. I support cruelty free, education and community based measures such as trap, neuter, release, rehoming, fostering and free microchipping and large scale desexing programs. I also support community outreach programs like responsible pet ownership taught in schools with, for example, a focus on pet patios, to foster safeness for both cats and wildlife. The science is in - we must conduct ourselves in the modern era and prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices. Thank you.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Kerri Goman

Every living species on this planet deserves respect medical attention, caring and legal protection. The stray animals is people call them are animals that have been let down by humans. None of it is their choice. None of it is their fault. They deserve to be retreated with respect and dignity as does every living species on this planet.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Kerrie Di Cataldo

The principle focus of this enquiry needs to be on desexing . It is blatantly obvious that without large scale desexing, populations will increase. Community desexing as well as capture, neuter and release are legitimate forms of cat control. Cats are important companion animals and their welfare needs the highest consideration. Education, particularly in schools, is extremely important. Educating migrants also needs to occur, as many may come from countries where inhumane practices are rife. Keeping the population down keeps cats out of shelters or being euthanased. Under no circumstances should cats be demonised as this only encourages cruelty by those of low intellect. Land clearing and loss of habitat has caused massive impacts upon native animals. This has been through human activities, not cats. Cats, like all other animals, are sentient creatures, and as such deserve a safe and caring home. Confinement indoors overnight is to be encouraged, and access to cat runs preferable to keep animals safe . Extreme penalties should apply to anyone found guilty of harming an animal.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Kerry Andersen

I have had many cats over the years and they are Wonderful companions for many people! The laws in favour of landlord's aren't helping people's living situation by not allowing companion animals and so many cats end up on the street when their people have nowhere to live! Killing cats to protect wildlife isn't working and the methods used are SO inhumane! Cats have the right live as much as any other animal! People are the problem! We need Community cat programs that focus on rehoming and desexing. Trap, neuter return or rehome! These programs have proved to be highly effective at reducing stray cat populations! Please stop the cruel killing and implement the above alternative solutions! Yours Sincerely Kerry Andersen

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Khrystyna Greenfield

Cat control can be done humanely. After all, it's humans that created the problem so we should be caring in our treatment of it. Trap, Neuter, Release programs have proven effective in many places, and ensured no breeding, therefore natural reductions and eradication over time. Culling is a cruel and hate inspired way to address overpopulation of cats. Please seek advice from licensed rescue organisations to ensure the issue is addressed in a way that doesn't intentionally cause harm and pain to animals who are not in these circumstances due to their own choices. Research first, care and protect all animals.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Kim Jones

The abhorrent treatment of any animal is not acceptable for any reason. It is not justified! It is not right and this is not the answer. Humans are to blame for the terrible situation cats are in. The Government and lack of legislation - lack of education - lack of funding - lack of regulating. Looking the other way and not doing something to address the issue has made it worse. "We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education." Funding is required for the rescue groups - TNR programs - Councils - and the kind people like myself and others who are desexing these poor cats to try to stop the breeding and fighting - to make their lives better! The Government once again has failed. Failed to provide early intervention. Implement Laws. Provide education. Provide much needed funding to the groups and kind people who spend their own hard earned money to try to make a difference. Fund the cause to address the out of control problem. Fund cat sanctuary's and get more people involved to. This sickens me as it is not the answer. You propose to encourage and allow animal cruelty.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Kimberley Constantine

There is no doubt that the welfare and management of urban stray cats is a concern in most Australian communities. 80-100% of cats ending up in pounds are strays and 50% of those are kittens. On average 50% entering pounds and shelters are killed. The word 'feral' is used to describe all stray cats, but in reality only 1-2% are truly feral in urban areas - it's a combination of owned, semi-owned and un-owned cats. Whilst cat management is clearly a growing issue, the process of culling cats, is expensive, ineffective and cruel. The toll it takes on the people tasked with the job of killing them is unimaginable. Policymakers who promote culling as a solution, are never the ones who have to go through the trauma of killing healthy animals. Current research is proving that community cat programs, being trialled in four council areas across four states, is working. Targeted desexing of all cats is cheaper for councils, reducing kittens being born and over time reducing the number and problem of urban strays. TNR should be the standard instead of being illegal throughout Australia and if the science were considered instead of sensational, inaccurate claims about the widespread 'feral' cat problem, there might actually be a real solution to a very real problem.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Kimberley Stone

I must ask that you turn to the community in resolving issues regarding cat populations. Conducting operations which harm or kill cats is not the answer. It will only contribute to further harm in the environment and on other species including native animals. Cats do not deserve to be treated as a pest. It is due to humans that they are homeless or over populated. The community needs to step up, get involved in TNR, desexing, and fostering initiatives. That is the answer. I have had a cat of my own poisoned. Someone thought they were helping. But the cat they poisoned was desexed, had a home, was regularly fed. She was just curious. Friendly. Meant no harm. Can we say the same?

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Kirsten Keddie

To have a curfew is ridiculous. It is irresponsible people that are the problem not the animals. Increase desexing programs. Do not punish an animal for human stupidity.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Lainie Smith

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. We need an enquiry into the management of these animals that do not deserve to be treated inhumanely. It is extremely disappointing and cruel to know that these practices are being conducted and supported by our government. Please do the right thing and investigate this issue to come up with more humane options to manage the cat population. Killing cats does not manage our wildlife population and this needs to be stopped. Organisations such as the Hunter Valley Cat Haven need to be supported by our government as key stakeholders in the management of the Cat population. Please do the right thing and end the animal cruelty and suffering.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Latasha Anthes

Please help the street cats. It causes tremendous stress to those feeding, trying to get them desexed with our own money & buying the food & giving our time-it's desexing we need help with-it truly does control numbers-& people with cats at home that give them up are the problem dumping in the street-so many are actually friendly & suffering. These cats need help & protection-people need education-I even bought a trap & desexed some in my street-found a home for a couple.

**Short Submission
No 660**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Laura Grant

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Laura Herndon

Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. These initiatives also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved.

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No 662**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms LEONIE LYALL

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Leonie Stark

We must priorities cat welfare. We need to make desexing compulsory but find ways to make it more affordable for everyone.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Linda Payler-Kemp

Humans are most st fault for destroying native animal species in Australia - and the world! One simple most recent horrific example is the forthcoming extinction of koalas! The list is too long to include here but it's done and caused for many reasons unnecessary and horrendous 😡 Are you going to start wiping out humans? It would have a much better effect on animals. Dogs are recorded as the most dangerous mammal on the planet and scientists know we are building up to us causing the next extinction event on the planet. Leave cats alone - sort out the owners and take a step back and look at the bigger picture! Such cruelty is unnecessary and not the best way to deal with the problem.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Linda Tomlinson

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education, can make a difference. The solution is not to kill our feral cats, but rather have free desexing for the cats of lower income earners and education on how to keep cats indoors. Cats were brought into Australia by humans and have been wonderful pets for so many Australians for many years. It is therefore not fair or humane to kill the feral cats. It will not solve anything, instead it will just be a vicious cycle of more feral cats when they are not deserted, owners are not educated on how to keep them and rental properties must allow the keeping of cats ;and pets in general). I am in support of catching feral cats, desexing them in a humane way and rehoming them. That's the only solution for breaking the cycle

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Lisa Bicknell

I would like to voice my concern over the way cats are being vilified but are actually the victims as well as wildlife. As a volunteer feeder of colony cats I can attest to the fact that cats are being dumped indiscriminately and left to fend for themselves or in some cases are being fed without being desexed, which leads to the cycle continuing. The onus is on humans as a community to repair. Desexing should be a government solution and not left only to the volunteer groups that donate their time and raise funds to try and keep homeless cats desexed. The truth is that human habitation is causing a bigger impact on wildlife than the mere presence of homeless cats. Solutions can be; More media messages regarding the importance of housing and desexing pets. Funding for rescue groups to enable food and vet costs for desexing are being made available. Also more funding for animal care facilities aka pounds to house more cats long term. These are merely a few ideas that would see a more humane response as opposed to the quick solution of culling a species that is merely trying to survive after being abandoned.. Thank you for reading this submission.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Lisa Forbes-Harper

The barbaric ways that are being considered to control Cats is not only inhumane but unbelievable cruelty. No animal deserves to die like the proposed methods. There are alot of owned pets that may be mistaken for unowned or unhandled and will be SLAUGHTERED. There are other ways to control unwanted litters the Australian government needs to follow other countries and do FREE desexings esp in problem areas. STOP BLAMING THE POOR ANIMALS focus on the irresponsible pet owners !! No animal should suffer by these proposed barbaric cruel methods NONE ! Our slack ass Government needs to stop living a luxury life and it the \$ towards programs that are proven to be successful! No Killings !!!!

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Lisa Nolan

The methods that are being used and are proposed by The Invasive Species Council are inhumane, ineffective and extremely cruel. Lethal controls and mandatory cat containment are outdated and barbaric. We must prioritise the welfare of these cats and humane solutions must be considered at all times. A good start would be to educate the public, most importantly being the members of The Invasive Species Council, and also to desex these cats and to provide medical care as well as endeavouring to move as many of these cats as possible into sanctuaries or re-homing centres. Most importantly, to conclude, animal welfare consideration is the key point, as well as education and desexing for these animals. Thank you.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Lisa Scharin

I have been rescuing, caring for and finding homes for Many stray, feral Cats for years-in every area that I moved to-Trap Neuter Release is also much more humane and works-along with other community programs where shelters, vet clinics, Animal control work together along with Pet Stores-like PetSmart-helping find good, responsible People to adopt unwanted Animals. The end of puppy mills and breeding large numbers of any Animal for "pets", or labs, or Zoos is long overdue-with Many facilities with confined, crowded Animals being sources of virus's-like Covid, Avian flu, etc-98% if these facilities are cruel and abusive, neglect is rampant and many Animals are very sickly-this business must be shut down-more education taught in schools and for Vets to educate their clients not to breed their pets-or support that exploitation from any person bringing in a dog they are causing injuries due to breeding-there are plenty of feral cat colonies that are managed and cared for by neighborhoods and apartment complexes-killing shouldn't be a solution-there are many People who work in communities to care for Wildlife and strays-animal welfare and rights organizations that could be involved and even schools and children learning how to be responsible for another life-taught empathy, kindness-Don't use violence and cruelty toward these unfortunate Cats-I am sure Many could be adopted out-therapy Animals too-most of My Cats were strays and they are very thankful and loving!!

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Lisa Scharin

I am writing to You to urge You NOT to allow for the cruel killing of Any Cats that are living on the streets and within neighborhoods. It's important to use non-lethal methods to manage these populations-Many areas in the USA have Animal shelters that also work with smaller Rescues and Animal Rights Organizations, people who foster Animals-and 501c's along with major groups like the Humane Society, the ASPCA-working together to help maintain colonies by trapping, neutering and releasing Cats back to where they were caught. I have done this in several areas I have moved to-I am sure that You have the resources and there are People that care about the Cats to put together this program and have Veterinarian clinics also work with Animal Control, Shelters and Animal Rights groups-with the use of social media-You can reach many more People and get a network of volunteers and people wanting to help do community service and help Animals too. Please don't use lethal methods!

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Lorena Luongo

I urge policymakers to reconsider the extreme and cruel proposal to poison or shoot homeless, defenceless cats and kittens. Let's fix the root of the problem- HUMAN BEHAVIOUR!! The breeding, buying and selling of cats and kittens. Failure by humans to desex them, care for them, contain them and finally abandonment. We need to be held accountable! Our decisions and actions affect the life of every creature on this planet. I urge the New South Wales Government to consider other preventative measures to reduce cat populations. Such as a ban of the sale of animals by breeders, pet stores and online. Ongoing public education about cat desexing, rehoming and adoption as well as mandatory microchipping. Let's end this cruel method of shooting and poisoning!!

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Louisa Vlahos

I am totally against the culling of feral cats, it is extremely cruel and ineffective. Past attempts actually resulted in increasing populations as well as native wildlife being the victims of poisoning. Catch neuter and release have proven to be the most effective method of decreasing cat populations. Please do not choose an abhorrent method instead of a logical method of control.

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No 673

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Louise Archer

Stop cruelty to cats,what's wrong with you people!!!

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No 674**

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Louise Readett

Stop culling cats . Fund neutering , take cats in at night but do not poison them . Humane neutering where possible . Allow Tenants to have pets so people do not discard their animals . Be fair to animals . They deserve a chance too. Australia is becoming more and more greedy and compassion is becoming obsolete.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Lucy Owen

1. The rental reforms coming into effect in early 2025 will hopefully have a positive effect in reducing the number of cats being given up due to their owners being denied housing. For this to happen, tenants need to be educated about these new rights. There also needs to be strict enforcement of the legislation to prevent landlords from inventing spurious reasons to deny rental applications, or retaliating against existing tenants by finding reasons to increase rent or end a lease if they request to have a pet. 2. One of the most effective ways to reduce the number of surrendered cats is to make homeless shelters, emergency accommodation and all other short-term housing pet friendly. Many people who find themselves without housing are turned away from homeless shelters or denied temporary accommodation because they have a pet. It is a great cruelty to force a vulnerable person to give up their beloved companion at such a tumultuous and difficult time of their life, when consistency and comfort are all the more important. By creating legislation that protects the relationship of people to their pets, in both the rental market and in temporary & emergency accommodation, the number of surrendered and abandoned animals will drastically decrease. The pressure on local councils and groups such as the RSPCA will be lifted, and there will be tremendous positive impact on the mental health of pet owners who are currently vulnerable to losing their companion.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Lydia Kindred

Cats are a major problem in Australia, of course, threatening all of our native wildlife. There needs to be a concerted effort by governments to address this highly dangerous situation for the future of so many elements of our environment. I have read about new technologies where feral cats can be sprayed with a poison where they do what cats do and lick themselves regularly. However, the culling of cats who are destroying our wildlife must be done in a humane way by those who are doing the work. Please work with PETA who are involved with the protection of animals, and are concerned that the current processes are not good enough.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Lynn Sloane

Free roaming cats are a huge problem in Australia. The majority of people do not want to have other people's cats in their garden. Cat owners need to be more responsible and keep their cats inside. The Australian government needs to make a decision now, that all cats are to live inside with their owners, or only go outside in a run. Only then, will other people's pets be safe, along with our precious native animals, of which cats kill in their millions every single year. Take action now to keep cats inside. Thank you.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Lynnette Thurston

Yes stray animals have been a very big problem for many many years, Over 35 years ago I wrote many emails & letters to the government about this problem & asking for compulsory desexing paid by the government/councils except for animals currently being shown their reply was it is NOT a problem, I offered to door knock & explain to the owners the risk of the animal becoming pregnant & or having cancer through not being desexed, I even offered them to come down to the pounds where I took photos & I would be able to tell them which ones will get adopted ones going to rescue & ones that would be murdered, back in these days the pounds had a 89 & 94% kill rate was so sad to see day in & day out, The biggest problem is back yard breeders & then the people who purchase the or are given them breed .more thinking there could be big \$\$\$ for them. On the average 1 dog can produce 100 puppies & 1 cat can produce 1,000 in their life time & here we are here now this is what we have & more on the way.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Mandy OKEEFE

I implore you to not give any human the right or reason to be sadistic and inflict abhorrent cruelty to cats (as many, many humans already feel its their right to do so already). We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing programs and education. Remember, every living soul deemed as invasive by the government is not here by choice - again, its humans who made that choice!! Do the right thing for animals just for a nice change, and be compassionate instead. Mandy O'Keefe

**Short Submission
No 680**

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr Margaret Guilfooy Tyler, Ph.D.

We must prioritize cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. The research is clear - animals like cats are sentient creatures with social, emotional and cognitive lives. They deserve our protection and compassion.

**Short Submission
No 681**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Margaret WATSON

Dear Committee Members I write to urge the treatment of cats in a humane and caring manner. It is certainly not the cats fault that they find themselves in the wild scavenging for food. Surely in a civilised society there should be a way of dealing with this problem without the horrors of baiting and trapping. I urge you to consider more humane methods as outlined by animal and cat protection societies. This is far more in keeping with the attitudes of the Australian people. Yours sincerely Margaret Watson

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Marian Lorrison

I realise that cats have the potential to harm our native birds and wildlife, but the solution lies in controlling cat owners rather than the animals themselves. Stronger penalties for not locking up cats between dusk and dawn would be a significant start. Incentives for micro-chipping would be another. The current situation needs to change whereby it's widely accepted that cats live outdoors. In a previous era, dogs were rarely contained: growing up in the 1960s, dogs roamed the streets and owning a dog was very different from today's model. Educating owners and changing expectations have ensured that today, the majority of pet dogs are confined within a yard or home. The same can certainly be achieved with cats, but change won't happen overnight. It seems very unfair to penalise the cats, who are simply indulging their basic natures. Public awareness and education are the keys to changing the wider outlook, so that it's no longer acceptable to let your cat out between certain hours. But don't make the cats pay the price of irresponsible or ignorant owners!

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Marianne Lazarus

The Earth is loosing! WE must give nature back to Her and to our way of life. Wild animals have roamed for millions of years. Humans just got here and for greed and pride the human population has taken our native land and native habitat; Trophy Hunted for FUN - (Killing is NOT fun, it is cruel and devastatingly sad to EVERY animal that loses it's life for food, thrill, greed, outright total inconsideration for any life. Our planet used to be a blue marble. Now, humans are rapidly destroying with fossil fuel, fracking, drilling, cutdown of acres of old grow trees. Human will go ahead and scorch the Earth, thinking they will get rich. I love ALL animals and I love this Planet and I will keep fighting for things to turn around. THEY MUST!!!!

**Short Submission
No 684**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mr Mark Caligiuri

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr Mark Seemanpillai

To the Committee-m - I request the government to consider the following preventive measures to reduce cat populations: A ban on the sale of animals by breeders, in pet stores, and online A ban on kitten farms The enforcement of 24/7 cat confinement laws Continuation of mandatory microchipping Increased public education about the importance of cat desexing, at-home confinement (including environmental enrichment), fostering, and adoption Increased state government funding of adoption groups and shelters to better house impounded animals and enhance rehoming efforts Government funding of desexing programmes In cases where it is necessary, euthanasia – and an end to cruel, inaccurate lethal methods such as shooting and poisoning. Sincerely, Mark Seemanpillai

**Short Submission
No 686**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Maryann Staron

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education,” can make a difference.

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INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Marysol Zupan

establishing cat desexing vouchers for low income households trialling curfews for outdoor cats in key local government areas (LGAs) improving pet owners' awareness of their rights in rentals and strata

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Matilda Main

expand the brief beyond curfews and into other important areas of community, - The legalisation of TNR Programs, and support for the rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Implementation of funding support for rescuers that run desexing programs. - Ways to take assertive action with cat hoarding without punishing the cats. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges.I'm

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Maureen Webb

The problem of free roaming pet cats is well known and documented. Research has shown the urgency to protect our wildlife with the statement from the University of NSW survey that 'it is known roaming (domestic cats kill 390 million animals per year in Australia including reptiles, birds and mammals. An average of 186 animals mostly native species per roaming domestic cat each year'. This alone shows the requirement to ensure local councils can document policies that allow 24hr cat containment on an owners property in their area. I look forward to positive actions from this inquiry to stop the deaths of our wildlife by predation of the domestic (pet) cat. The feral cat while always a problem can legally be trapped and disposed of. Thank you

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Megan James

NSW Parliament recently passed laws cracking down on puppy farms, instituting a breeder identification system, breeding caps, mandatory minimum staffing requirements and stricter regulations on the sale of dogs. But Kitten farms are just as unethical and in need of regulation. Please institute similar regulations and reforms for the breeding of cats.

**Short Submission
No 691**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Meher Behrana

Action must be taken to control the cat population, using the sterilization method, and by chipping them. This is the only way to control the cat population. This must be done to protect them from starvation and misery. Thank you

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Melanie Steer

I oppose the bill going forth, it could lead to cat haters using this curfew as a way of harming cats that are outside during the night. This curfew will also see rescue and pounds inundated with cats that could also lead to lots of cats being unnecessarily euthanasia.. I'm all for rescued having more support for the great job they are already doing for the cats and their community

**Short Submission
No 693**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Melissa Rapmund

No animal deserves to be killed in this inhumane manner. The problem isn't cats it's humans. Humans who have let cats down. Better laws regarding desexing would be a great place to start.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Melita Smart

As a responsible cat owner of 2 inside desexed cats we need to do more to protect our wildlife and those of the cats left to defend for themselves via neglectful uneducated human owners. I would like to propose the following solutions: - only strays to be sold in pet shops after compulsory desexing (no breeds) - enforcing breeders or any other individual selling or giving away cats to be responsible for desexing otherwise enforce heavy financial penalties - NSW laws to enforce all cats inside 24/7 unless outside on a lead with owner - no poisoning of stray cats but recaptured and re-homed via pet shops and shelters

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No 695**

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Melvy Connell

Refer to non domesticated Cats as free living.. Treat cats as sentient living beings not just pets.. Reject the killing of cats based on where they live and whether or not they are domesticated. Reject all policy based populations estimates and conduct independent surveys of cat numbers in Australia.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Meredith Woodward

I would like cats to be prohibited from roaming in the same way that dogs are, to protect our native fauna. It would also minimise injuries to cats from vehicles and as a result of their exploring & becoming trapped/injured. I live in a bushy area & am a Bushcare volunteer so am doing my bit to preserve our natural environment, I'd like cat owners to do their bit too. Thank you.

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No 697

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Michael Pickles

There are now so many threats from invasive species it is becoming difficult to list them all, however, probably closest to our urban society is the threat from domestic and feral cats. Our towns and cities are being slowly denuded of wildlife due to these predators. I can't remember how long ago it is since I saw a bluetongue lizard. Urgent action is needed.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Miriam MARGOLYES

It makes sense to bring the legislation just passed by the NSW Parliament on puppy farming to apply also to cats. I applaud the breeder identification system, breeding caps, mandatory minimum staffing requirements and stricter regulations on the sale of dogs. Cats are also sentient beings who are sadly the focus of terrible cruelty from humans, sometimes for their amusement, sometimes simply for gain. It is our duty to prevent known persecutors of animals from working with them and opening businesses trading in kittens. And children should not be employed in such commercial ventures. Please vote to include protection for cats just as now dogs are protected. Thankyou.

Short Submission
No 699

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mollie Brown

Cats should not be demonised, punished, or culled due to neglectful ownership.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Nadine OMara

Shooting and allowing the public to kill cats at random is animal torture. The government needs to promote adoption and at-home containment and invest in desexing projects and education programmes to inform the public about why there can be no such thing as a “responsible” breeder while homeless cat numbers continue to skyrocket. This is a man made problem and cats should not be punished for something we created!!!

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Natalie Tharratt

Having been a foster carer involved with different rescues and also as a concerned citizen seeing the plight of cats - I am adamant that the government needs to implement subsidised desexing programs such as vouchers for low socio - economic areas that are cat owners and fund education programs as people seem ignorant that cats can fall pregnant at 4 months old . This creates some poor cats having multiple pregnancies and kittens dumped , abandoned etc... Sadly cats have been scapegoats for destruction of wildlife ,that is human mismanagement . So cruel killing programs MUST STOP. Until we are on top of the problem ,extra funding should be directed to rescue groups as pounds overflowing with cats and kittens.

**Short Submission
No 702**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Miss Natalie D

NSW needs stronger protection laws for stray cats and better re-homing systems for cats who have been abandoned.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Ngaire Oleary

I am deeply concerned about the inquiry to establish a curfew for cats. I feel this is not supported by best practices in protection of native species and risks over-whelming our pounds, encouraging animal cruelty and bringing great distress to pet owners where a pet has gone missing. I would suggest a more considered programme be implemented, that includes: -Subsidised desexing programmes -Support for TNR programmes -Research around the actual impact of domestic cats in urban environments -Increased support for rescue organisations -Education around responsible ownership -improved protections for pet owners in the rental market This will provide improved outcomes, in the long term, in a manner that will not encourage cruelty or overwhelm our already strained services.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Nick Andrews

To whom it may concern, It is important we promote pet welfare through responsible ownership and education, so communities are aware of their cat's place in urban environments. Media campaigns and school programs teaching pet care can be a way in which to inform the next generation at an early age. This was something sorely missing from my upbringing. Supporting local initiatives that help manage community cat populations through rehoming programs, targeted desexing and fostering. Ultimately, subsidising cat patios, desexing and microchipping is the best way in which encourage owners to invest more in their role as pet owners.

**Short Submission
No 705**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Miss Nicola Davey

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Pamela Rabinau

Dear Sir/Madam, I believe the State Govt should pay for the desexing of cats so that the numbers of homeless , not desexed cats, who are roaming around killing birds trying to survive, will be less or non-existent. Also cat owners should register cats like dogs are registered, Pet breeders should be stopped from breeding many kittens who then add to the problem when the owners throw them out into parks and the bush. If this happened there would be homes for the cats in the RSPCA and other similar organisations. To repeat myself, the State Govt needs to pay for desexing, The cost puts people off and the result is more homeless cats. Also owners should make sure their cats are inside at night, not out roaming the bush and hunting. If owners were forced to be more responsible there would not be the problem that exists today. Cats want security and a warm , loving home. They don't want to be starving and killing birds, etc. Pamela Rabinau

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Patricia Quinn

I would like to see cat breeders not able to use social media to advertise their kittens. Nor sell kittens through pet stores. The purchase of a cat should not be the result of an impulse buy. Cat containment 24/7 would be achievable and create more employment for people making outdoor play areas. Feral cats should be trapped, neutered and given the chance of adoption. The feral problem was created by people's negligence, so should not be victimised and shot or poisoned. People who get "free to good home" cats should be able to get subsidised neutering of their pet. Education programs should be run in primary schools on responsible pet care and the importance of neutering. I would like to see government support of animal shelters that try to rehome pets.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Patricia Clifford

I am deeply concerned about the impact on cat Curfews as this will allow many people to be cruel to cats and kill them. Just like the man in North Sydney that drowned a cat in a wheelie bin and proudly posted it on line. . I would prefer to legalize TNR to reduce feral cat pollution long with incentives to neuter and spray cats. Please do not encourage more animal cruelty when there are much more humane options.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs patricia davies

Sir-Madam, I wish to comment on your idea of cat populations in New South Wales, having lived long-term in Woollahra, and being in rescue for many years since --firstly I agree something must be done to curb the breeding of cats not only in your state but nationwide, but, there are better ways than heaping more on people who can not afford to desex and taking their beloved cats away from them, I also agree the homeless cats or street cats are out of control but putting them in pounds and thinking overworked rescues will take them on, is not only ineffective but ridiculous I suggest the government pay to have all cats desexed, and offer help to people on low incomes to home their cats in a safe controlled area, like a cat run, this would help stop the dumping of cats in state forests and on roads.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Penelope Drake-Brockman

I am in favour of strict control rules covering the ownership of cats. Until I emigrated from the UK in 1983 I had always lived with domestic cats and owned one in central Sydney. Coming to live in Gloucester and being an active member of several bird clubs I became more and more aware of the terrible affect domestic and feral cats were having on our birds, small reptiles and mammals, killing millions each year. I also became aware of the total lack of responsibility of most people, from the farming communities to urban households. This has to change. It won't be done unless governments legislate and educate so that everyone, cat and non cat owners alike, understands the dire situation facing our unique wildlife. Please place non-roaming rules on domestic cats, support with government grants research into feral cat control and assistance in reducing the present unsustainably large population of feral cats in the bush. The present hands off attitude of the NSW government is shocking.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Peter Beard

I agree with Jordan Lane's proposals for cat desexing vouchers, trialling cat curfews, and an education program for strata tenants.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Petra Jones

Thank you for inviting submissions on this important issue. Before I begin, I would like to point out the increase in the cat population is as a result of a lack of effective government policy and poor funding and also the impact of irresponsibility cat owners. The most effective way to control/reduce the number of kittens is to stop the issue at source i.e. by preventing the birth in the first place. Numerous individuals, (including myself), and animal rescue organizations that are spending enormous amounts of time and money to trap, desex, microchip and rehome stray and abandoned cats. The NSW Government can have an enormous impact on cat population by: *Banning the sale of animals by breeders, in pet stores, and online; *Banning kitten farms (following up the Puppy Mill ban); *Increase State Government funding to rescue, adoption groups and shelters to better house impounded animals, desex, microchip and enhance rehoming efforts. *Government funding of desexing programs. *Continuation of mandatory microchipping. *Increase in public education regarding the importance of cat desexing, at-home confinement (including environmental enrichment), fostering, and adoption. As a last resort and only when necessary, *Humane euthanasia – NOT the cruel, inaccurate lethal methods such as shooting and poisoning. I find it completely appalling and disheartening, that the first response to any issue regarding animals seems to be a proposal for a cruel action or inaction - we need to do better. This issue can be successfully managed humanely. Thank you for your consideration. Petra Jones

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No 713

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Philip Edwards

Leave our cats alone

**Short Submission
No 714**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Polina Ciraolo

Humans need to find their humanity & start treating other creatures with respect they deserve.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mr Quentin Dresser

A recent enquiry about puppy farms was passed in the NSW government. Cats are also vulnerable to careless exploitation. For the sake of kindness that should be exercised towards all animals, please ensure that cats are also subject to requirements to keep them relatively free from suffering.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Quentin Dresser

First of all, problems with cats are actually problems with we humans. It is NEVER appropriate to be cruel to animals and shooting or poisoning cats is cruel. We humans breed, sell and buy cats and kittens and fail to look after them properly. We fail to desex them. There is a need to restrict breeding. There should be a ban on selling cats by breeders in pet stores and on line. No kitten farms. Educate the public on proper cat care. Government funding of desexing programs. Increased State government funding to adoption groups to better house impounded animals and enhance rehoming efforts. As a last resort, euthanasia where it is necessary instead of the cruel poisoning and shooting. Finally, please take seriously the submission by Peta Australia, who have the appropriate non cruel and reasonable approach to this problem. Thank you.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Rachel Cunard

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the practice of containing cats indoors as a method for managing cat populations in New South Wales. I believe this approach is both misguided and harmful to the animals involved. Also, the current methods used to control cat populations are not only ineffective, but they are also disturbingly cruel and inhumane. As a cat owner and someone who cares deeply about animal welfare, I can speak firsthand to the needs of cats. They are independent, intelligent creatures that require mental stimulation, physical exercise, and opportunities to express their natural behaviours. Confined to indoor spaces, without proper enrichment or outlets for their instincts, many cats experience stress, anxiety, and physical health issues. Confining them to small, barren spaces is not only harmful to their well-being, but it also goes against their nature. The current management practices, such as mass trapping and culling, are even more concerning. These methods often involve pain, fear, and unnecessary suffering. I find it deeply troubling that we continue to support such barbaric tactics in the name of population control. Instead, I believe we should be looking toward more humane, effective solutions. Programs focused on responsible breeding, widespread adoption, and non-lethal methods of wildlife protection can help address the issue without resorting to cruelty. These strategies respect the dignity of animals while still addressing environmental concerns.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Rachel Gregg

As a compassionate Australian who has companion animals, including two cats, I am concerned about the welfare of our beloved felines. It is proven that community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have are highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. Therefore, killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Human impact has done far more damage to our wildlife, including things like deforestation, clearing land for farming and urban sprawl which are wiping out habitats for native wildlife, while making it easier for introduced species like cats to thrive. Please make choices that consider all animals, including our beloved cats and work alongside the appropriate organisations so that we can all live in harmony.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Rebecca Andersen

Good day, I suggest that greater measures be taken to prevent feral cat populations getting out of hand in the first place. The feral cats we have now didn't just fall from the sky; there must have been domestic cats at some point that became feral for this population to occur. Can we create laws that make it harder for people to have an unsexed cat? Also laws against people letting cats go? Another important step would be making it harder for people to buy cats from pet shops (which are inherently cruel anyway). Perhaps an interview process by a third party to ensure that it's not a spontaneous purchase and the cat will be well cared for. These laws would have to actually be enforced of course. Otherwise we are just going to shoot a heap of cats that just get replaced with other cats. Thankyou

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Rebecca Reynolds

Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. These initiatives also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Rebecca Reynolds

Any serious strategy to reduce cat numbers and the threat they pose to other animals must start with stemming the flow of new animals into a world where there are not enough homes for them. Humans are responsible for deliberately increasing cat populations as well as the reproduction of unfixed roaming and homeless cats. Don't let any animal suffer or be punished because of humans have done wrong

Short Submission
No 722

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Rebekah Woodford

The way that cats and kittens are being treated is inhumane and unfair.

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**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Renate Schmidt

The Legalisation of TNR programs Funding for Resquers

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No 724

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Rhian Atkins

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

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No 725

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Rhonda Khoury

No harm should befall any cats in any way. Free sterilisation for owners would be a start to help keep down the cat population. A win win for all concerned.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Richard Jordan

To: The Hon. Emma Hurst MLC Chair, Inquiry into the Management of Cat Populations Submission – The Companion Animals Act 1998 (as amended) must change to limit the unacceptable slaughter of our wildlife by domestic cats. The extensive research on the subject above has undoubtedly been brought to the attention of your committee in other submissions. I would especially draw your attention to the CSIRO publication – ‘Cats in Australia – Companion and Killer’ (2019), Woinarski, Legge and Dickman. Chapter 7 – Pet cats in Australia and their impact on wildlife – is particularly relevant, and very disturbing. A change in legislation is overdue to allow Local Government Councils to regulate the keeping of pet cats by mandating their confinement to inhibit their contact with wildlife. All other states, except NSW and WA already have such legislation. There is no excuse for further delay. Confinement is also in the interest of cats. Confined cats live longer and healthier lives. And there should be a limit of two on the number of cats per household, with all being registered, desexed and microchipped. Cat breeders must be registered. I look forward to hearing from you regarding the enactment of suitable legislation to protect our wildlife. Sincerely, Richard Jordan

Short Submission
No 727

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mr Richard Stanford

Please give cats the same protection as dogs already have. All pets should be protected from cruelty of any kind.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Rita Pesini

A NSW Government-commissioned report supports large-scale desexing programs instead, showing that killing programs are ineffective. Proactive community cat programs have been scientifically proven to reduce stray cat populations, decrease nuisance complaints and prevent wildlife predation. In Yarra Ranges(Victoria), three years after introducing a 24-hour cat curfew, cat-related complaints rose by 143%, impoundments by 68%, and euthanasia by 18%, while the population grew by just 2%. Similarly, in the City of Casey(Victoria), 20 years after implementing a cat containment policy, impoundments were up by 296% and complaints had also increased. Encouraging people about how to keep their cats safely indoors or contained within property boundaries, such as in cat patios, can help keep both cats and wildlife safe. Wildlife rescue data shows that cats aren't the primary risk to many threatened species. Key threats include habitat loss, vehicle collisions and dog attacks.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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No 730**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Rita Riccio

Ban cats roaming outdoors 24/7. If dogs aren't allowed why should cats be? They actually maim and kill a lot more than dogs do (I'm a wildlife carer so I know)

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr Robert Forgacs

Anyone who has had the privilege of sharing their life with a cat knows that cats are intelligent, social, playful and loving animals who deserve kindness. Unfortunately, the media, government and powerful organizations like the Invasive Species Council are pushing inhumane measures that threaten more violence, persecution and suffering for cats. Yet every cat deserves care and protection. This issue deeply affects people, all the rescuers, carers, rehoming, and rescue organizations who dedicate themselves to protecting and loving cats. Cats play an important role in so many people's lives, bringing companionship, joy and purpose to those who care for them.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Robert Yeatman

It should be law that all cats purchased/gifted/rescued be desexed, microchipped and registered. Owners should be regularly checked on to make sure that they are doing the right thing for the animal. (secured, not roaming the streets and kept in suitable accommodation. Rescuers, like ourselves, should be given more help from Council or Government. Sometimes animals are unsuitable for rehoming - and therefore stay with the Rescuers. Keeping a manageable colony is expensive and time-consuming - but we, like others, are keeping these animals off the street, having previously desexed and microchipped them.

Short Submission
No 733

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Robyn Maloney

We need to work together to ensure the welfare of cats is put in place.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Rodolfo Gallardo

Cats are being demonised and targeted by baiting, trapping and other inhumane methods, methods that are both cruel and ineffective. The Invasive Species Council is intensifying its attacks on cats, rallying supporters to make submissions that promote lethal controls and call for mandatory cat containment, despite lacking evidence that these measures work. This will lead to terrible suffering for cats. Stop it now!!!!

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Ron Wilson

Re Management of Cat Populations in New South Wales. Dear Ms Hurst/Official(s) I am writing as a cat owner to protest against the proposed legislation. Anyone who has had the privilege of sharing their life with a cat knows that cats are intelligent, social, playful and loving animals who deserve kindness. Moreover, I am sure that at least some among your committee members must be cat owners themselves. Yet you are considering the Invasive Species Council which could possibly involve inhumane measures, e.g. baiting and trapping, resulting in suffering for cats, but which may ultimately be both cruel and ineffective. Spaying programmes have been proven to be effective and humane alternative ways of cat population control. I believe that every cat deserves care and protection. We also know this issue deeply affects people, all the rescuers, carers, rehomingers, and rescue organisations who dedicate themselves to protecting and loving cats. Cats play an important role in so many people's lives, bringing companionship, joy and purpose to those who care for them (my sister who lives in Victoria state also owned one till recently). Please reconsider the proposed legislation and cull. Thank you in advance for your attention in this important matter. Yours sincerely Ron Wilson

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Rosemary Milson

My name is Rosemary Milson, and I am very concerned about the risk posed by roaming cats. I am aware of the research regarding the damage that cats (both feral and domestic) are causing to wildlife populations. My own observations in my garden (in Tamworth) is that there are fewer birds, which is extremely saddening. However, I feel that this alarming trend is potentially remedied, at least in part, by cat control. If my Council were able to respond with appropriate management of neighborhood cats, I believe we could make a difference. Personally, I like cats, however the responsibility of managing them is essential. Education of the public, and greater powers for all Councils in NSW seem to be among the solutions to this problem. I would like to see rules for statewide compulsory containment (24/7) of all cats, preferably locked into legislation. Thank you.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Rosemary Shortland

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Short Submission
No 738

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Roshanak Pilram

Instead of killing them, make desexing free and mandatory.

Short Submission
No 739

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr Ruth Bacchus

I would like to suggest that , like puppy farming, kitten farming be more tightly controlled and regulated to minimise cruelty to animals

Short Submission
No 740

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Miss Ruth McMurray

TNR is the only humane way to help Australia with it's homeless/wild cat situation.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: S Harris

Desexing programs is a great idea. As well as vouchers there needs to be education for all, not just a focus on low income earners. Plenty of international people don't have enough knowledge around responsible pet ownership. And yes please please please impose some curfews on ALL domestic animals, dogs ON LEAD included as they can chase down wildlife just as much as a cat. The whole state needs to take action here, we our losing our wildlife and no one seems to care. This area needs not only more rules but EDUCATION for all. So many people have no idea what is considered responsible pet ownership. You only have to look at the community facebook pages to see how many dogs and cats go missing. I do not believe there should be a focus on tenants 'rights'. As an owner of an apartment in Meadowbank that I rent out, I believe I should have the right to choose who I allow to live in MY HOME. Renters have a choice to rent, so I should have a choice to manage MY HOME as I see fit.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Sanda Tomic

I have been looking after street cats in my area for years and witnessed first hand the suffering of these animals -hunger, disease, human cruelty; too many dying in agony and pain in unimaginable conditions. Cats did not ask to be introduced to Australia-they are innocent living beings and as a modern western society we should really do more to help these animals.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Miss Sandra Poles

More free desexing is needed across the state...I own 4 cats and feed about 8 others my home is too small to have all the cats inside ... less cats would be if feseving wasn't so expensive. It's as simple as that ...

**Short Submission
No 744**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Miss Sandra Russell

I would like to see cat control undertaken in a humane manner. Such as large scale desexing and free desexing for pensioners and unemployed.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Sandra Dal Cais

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INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Sandra Ferns

I'm very upset to hear that the The Invasive Species Council are heading to be even more cruel to cats. I realise we have to deal with this even though cats are in the wild and 'feral' due to people leaving them undesexed where they constantly breed and/or abandoning them. Cats are beautiful animals, loving, funny and very much a part of people's lives. I don't have cats but to think they could be poisoned, trapped in barbaric ways makes me so sad. Cats should be kept indoors I fully agree but why blame the cats? Blame those who let them out. I do know most are abandoned and the poor souls are constantly pregnant due to their previous owner's ignorance and stupidity, but surely there is a way to track these poor cats previous homes? I think there are far kinder ways to deal with this and cruelty does NOT belong anywhere in the world.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Sara O'Grady

It saddens me to consider that feral cats (all feral animals) are simply animals which have been let down by people. It is known that control methods such as baiting and trapping are inhumane and ineffective. If it is possible to find any more humane ways to deal with the numbers of homeless and feral cats, that would be a most welcome improvement. HABITAT RESTORATION would go much further to protect native species. Stop breeders from profiting off mass production of kittens while our animal shelters are already full of homeless animals. There should be higher profile public education about pet owners responsibility and ensuring that your pet is desexed, microchipped and registered with the Council.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Sarah Neal

Kitten farming is not only as cruel, unregulated and out of control as puppy farming, but it is a core driver of the unsustainable and damaging number of cats in our pounds, on our streets and in the bush. Continuing to allow unrestrained kitten farming is both inhumane and irresponsible. Our focus should be on encouraging the adoption of as many cats already needing a home as possible. A robust framework for outlawing both puppy and kitten farming is needed, regulating breeding practices and improving welfare standards for both cats and dogs. All forms of cruel and unethical animal breeding must end and animals must be valued for their inherent value and not as breeding machines for profit. Anyone convicted of a relevant offence must be barred from registering a companion animal business; councils must have the power to revoke registrations. The need for legislation restricting kitten farms is just as important as that for puppy farms. In an unsupervised industry unscrupulous breeders will make use of their cats for profit alone. Kitten farming may result in in-breeding which can and does result in genetic problems for the animals and despair for the people who buy them and love them. I know this from personal experience. Selective breeding may result in the creation of new mutant strains of animals, some almost unidentifiable as cats, and many of which are neither healthy or vital and are often short-lived.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr Sarah Redshaw

I see cats roaming around my neighbourhood every day and getting in to my own garden. I live close to very sensitive areas and these large cats can have a serious impact on the wildlife in this area, especially birds and small skinks and lizards. In many areas free roaming cats pose a great threat to wildlife and should be contained for their own safety as well as that of remaining wildlife. With large numbers of cats roaming in the wild as well it is important that these are removed and euthenased where possible. There are many threats to our wildlife and we need to protect what is left in every way we can. Cats are an unacceptable invasive species and should be contained.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Sarah Stewart

We are beloved cat owners and we help local feral cats by catch, neuter/spay, and release we loosely care for them outside. We strongly believe in the points below: -Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. - Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. -These initiatives also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved. Please prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Thank you for your attention to our thoughts. Sincerely, The Stewart Family

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Sarah Tankard

Cats should not be shot or poisoned. It is not their fault. Humans are to blame for the cat population. Cats are beautiful creatures and if we are to help them we need to start de-sexing. Breeders should be given limits and have the cats de-sexed before selling. Stop pet shops and online sellers from selling the cats. Jail time for anyone who breaks these laws. Feral cats would not be wild if they were kept inside the home or allowed outside in a run. People dumping cats instead of giving them to shelters are despicable and cruel. They obviously don't care what happens to them. Every cat sold from a breeder or a shelter should be microchipped. In the event of a cat being sick or severely injured then euthanasia should be done. Control rather than killing is the best way.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms sascha Ettinger

As a newly minted wildlife carer for WIRES, I think something desperately needs to be done about cats stalking and killing our already vulnerable native wildlife. In my first 3 months doing this work (voluntarily) I have seen many possums, birds, bluetongues and other lizards, and even turtles which have fallen victim to cat attack. It is unacceptable to let these instinctual hunters roam around killing and maiming our natives. Cat owners should be mandated to keep their cats indoors or in enclosed balconies only. I could post the horrifying photographs of cat attacks on other creatures here if requested but am unsure if that is useful. It is truly demoralising trying to deal with the aftermath of a situation which never needed to happen. Please help ameliorate this state of affairs by mandating cats to remain indoors, especially at night. Many thanks, Sascha Ettinger Epstein

**Short Submission
No 753**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Selena Withers

Greater penalties and prosecution of people who do not desex their cats, unless registered and proven for responsible breeding purposes. Far harsher treatment of people dumping their cats. We wouldn't be in this predicament then.

**Short Submission
No 754**

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Seth Coffey

Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations.

**Short Submission
No 755**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Shanon Bell

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Kindness should always prevail.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Sharnee Waugh

This will be short, as it is quite a simple concept to grasp. Why are “breeders” allowed to create life by using animals as machines, in order to make themselves money in what I consider to be a highly immoral way? That statement in itself should be enough, but let me put on top of that, the fact that thousands of cats and kittens are euthanised each year because there are too many unwanted ones who end up on the street, killing wildlife, and producing more and more unwanted animals. The fact that we allow this to keep happening is unfathomable. We are supposed to be the most intelligent of all the earth’s animals, yet we allow this cycle to continue. Create life, take away life, create life, take away life. There is no logic in this. We must STOP creating problems and then “solving” the problems through inhumane solutions. Let’s be smart. Let’s keep it simple. No more breeders. No more pets from pet shops. People need to adopt their companion animals through shelters who microchip, vaccinate, and most importantly desex animals before they leave the shelter. Use your power for good, please.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms shaz Tinant

Dear Parliamentary Council Feral cats undesexed, left to roam in rural and built up areas, are indeed a threat to wildlife because they seek food. However, domestic cats in both built up and rural areas are not normally a threat because they are not seeking food but they also need to be desexed to limit populations. Keeping cats and/or dogs indoors, unable to live natural lives by scratching/climbing trees, unable to feel the rain, wind, sun, not defecating as they were meant to, not smelling and seeing the outdoors, not communicating with their species next door, is cruel. A desexing program is what needs to be instigated & supported by government.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Shona Macfarlane

Cats dont deserve to be mistreated and victimized. It is the whole communities duty. We need to educate people and I support the idea of funding for desexing of street cats, whom I am reluctant to call feral as they were someones pet to begin with., should be humanly captured , spade and released, especially in urban areas. Cats are intelligent and social and make amazing healing companions.

Short Submission
No 759

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Stan Vincent

Compulsory collar with two bells for cats who go outside

**Short Submission
No 760**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Sudipta Dasgupta

Hi, I am a cat rescuer and have currently desexed lots of cats in my area . Can you please assist in desexing all the cats in this area?

**Short Submission
No 761**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Sudipta Dasgupta

Hi, We have lots of stray cats in Parramatta and surrounding areas . They need to be desexed. I personally trap and desex them, but there are lots. Please help! With Regards, Sudipta

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Sue Kelly

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education, this cruel and inhumane treatment of any animal must stop. There are other ways to control at populations, making mandatory desexing, setting up a desexing program, many ways to do this, please do not use these cruel methods that are currently being used

Short Submission
No 763

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Sue Wells

I wish to make a submission to cease cruel cat control by baits or other cruel methods.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Sumaya Osman

Cat rescue organisations are constantly overwhelmed and under resourced. They need government support for trap, neuter, release programs and to help foster and rehome strays and unwanted pets. Low income homes should get government support to spay/neuter their cats.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Susan Harvey

I would like to point out to the Government that killing everything that they don't desire is unacceptable. This is showing more violence to Society & children. I believe the members of councils have a personal agenda to enforce their beliefs. Cats are unfairly targeted. Why is breeding by breeders still occurring? This needs to be stopped. Major contributor to cat numbers. There needs to be more done to provide funding for pounds & rescue organisations. I think education in schools is a start. Kids need to learn to respect animals & care for them. Perhaps a program in schools where cats interact with kids. I am sure this will help with kids who have mental health issues. It also teaches them responsibility. Also United States has cats in jails helping reform inmates. An enormous success in the rehabilitation of prisoners. The invasive species organisation seems to be selective in what they like. What about all the cattle degrading the land. Destroying the land & polluting the water ways. Fish farming on a massive scale once more destroying pristine water ways. Many native animals are killed by development. Stop using cats as a scapegoat. I think fabrication of animal numbers by government is a major problem for their own agenda. This false information is given to the Media. This is why the public has no trust. So there needs to be more plans & funds in place to remedy this situation without using violence & eradication.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Susan ann Chan

I do believe that the government should make TNR legal , as this would bring down the cat population dramatically, I see far to many people carelessly letting their cats breed again and again , they often have the worst cruelty inflicted upon them. There should also be government funding to aid the cat rescue groups , as they are all self funded and have so many cats to deal with. Also educational programs in many communities were they believe that's it's cruel to desex cat would go a long way to helping with this problem .

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Susan HAWKESWOOD

The undomesticated cat population exists because humans have not taken responsibility for their pets. NSW needs to legislate strict controls on domestic cat owners to ensure that the undomesticated cat population does not increase. The undomesticated cat population is a few threat to native wildlife. I support the trapping and humane euthanizing of undomesticated cats but not shooting or poisoning them. Shooting and poisoning is not humane and will cause suffering. Poisoning also poses a threat to other animals in the food chain. Please act humanely.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Sylvana Arguello

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:: I am advocating for urgent reforms in cat welfare, highlighting the pressing issues faced by homeless cats and the need for comprehensive policy changes to protect them. Every cat deserves care and protection. Cats are being demonised and targeted by baiting, trapping and other inhumane methods, methods that are both cruel and ineffective. The Invasive Species Council is intensifying its attacks on cats, rallying supporters to make submissions that promote lethal controls and call for mandatory cat containment, despite lacking evidence that these measures work. This will lead to terrible suffering for cats. Please have some empathy for innocent animals... :(

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Sylvie Delisle

It's easy to blame cats for the problems with wildlife, but the truth is, human actions have a much bigger role in creating these issues. Things like deforestation, clearing land for farming and urban sprawl are wiping out habitats for native wildlife. Wildlife rescue data shows that cats aren't the primary risk to many threatened species. Key threats include habitat loss, vehicle collisions and dog attacks. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including spaying and neutering the cats, and educating the owners, encouraging them to keep their cats safely indoors or contained within property boundaries, such as in cat patio.

**Short Submission
No 770**

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Tamara Carroll

We must prioritise animal welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. It's vital to recognise the important role cats have as companions, and the positive impact they can have upon people's mental health.

**Short Submission
No 771**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Miss Tamara Metham

I don't think it's fair on the cats 2 be destroyed as it's the humans fault not the cats. Harder laws need too be set in place for animal cruelty or dumping of a cat or kittens!

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Tanya Peck

Baiting is inhumane, cruel and ineffective, practices like desexing and education are better choices to bring down the street cat numbers I personally have 16 cats all rescued from the street, many were in extremely poor health , which has cost me many dollars FYI they are now contained in an enclosure in my back yard I personally know of many women who go out night after night to feed and catch street cats. They personally pay for the desexing and vaccination then put them back with their colony This is what should happen TNR - Trap - Neuter - Release NOT KILL , because poisoning always leaves some alive — to breed again totally voiding the process TREAT THE CAUSE NOT THE SYMPTOM

**Short Submission
No 773**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Tara Gill

TNR has proven to be the most productive and ethical method for treating cats. Mass killing of innocent animals is inhumane. I am part of a cat feeding community where our members have worked long and hard to reduce the numbers of cats, with the TNR method. More funding for these projects are more beneficial overall.

**Short Submission
No 774**

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Miss Tara Halmshaw

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Thomas (known as Tony) Brownlow

I am a strong believer in protecting our native wildlife. However, this must be done humanely. The problem is that we have an over supply of cats and not enough people to care for them. What needs to be done is to reduce the supply. This can be done in a number of ways: 1. reduce or abolish kitten farms (the breeding of cats for sale) 2. increased state funding of adoption programmes 3. state funding of advertising that cats can be adopted. A lot of people who want cats have never thought of doing this. If they were made aware of it many would feel it a noble thing to do. 4. increased state funding of adopting programmes and shelters to better house impounded animals

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Tibor Kovats

I am a resident of Gloucester, NSW and have the privilege of living near natural areas containing a variety of native wildlife. My wife and I place a priority on planting local native species on our property to enhance the habitat value and thereby attract and retain native fauna, particularly birds which come and go according to the seasons and the flowering of the plants. Living on the fringe of the township mean that we witness daily the roaming of pet cats. They are skilful hunters of prey - that is in their DNA. We have witnessed their impacts on both birds and reptiles. I am not against cat ownership. It should be a principle under NSW Law that the owner of a cat should be responsible 24/7 for the cat and preventing it from harming anything or anyone - particularly native wildlife. If a cat is not confined to its premises, then it should only be allowed out under strict supervision of its owner e.g. on a lead like a dog. Any cat that is roaming without an ownership tag should be destroyed humanely. Thank you for this opportunity.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Tiffani Long

A NSW Government-commissioned report supports large-scale desexing programs instead, showing that killing programs are ineffective. The recent NSW Pound Inquiry has recommended a proactive solution: providing grants to councils and rescue organisations to fund large-scale, targeted desexing programs across the state, including community cat desexing in areas with large homeless cat populations, especially disadvantaged communities. These kinds of programs are a long-term, compassionate solution that reduces stray cat populations without demonising cats. The best solution is helping semi-owners and owners in disadvantaged areas by providing free desexing and microchipping through programs like the Community Cat Program. Proactive community cat programs have been scientifically proven to reduce stray cat populations, decrease nuisance complaints and prevent wildlife predation. The Rand myth of domestic cats & urban wildlife provides a helpful summary of common misconceptions and effective solutions such as desexing for managing cats and reducing the number of homeless cats. When creating policies for reducing feral and community cat populations, it's essential to consider the Vacuum Effect, an ecological principle demonstrating that removing animals from an area only results in new animals filling the space. Without addressing the root causes of population growth, removal efforts are unsustainable and ultimately ineffective.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Tim Barrington

I whole heartedly disagree with the The Invasive Species Council's planned methods and lethal controls. Firstly, the cost associated does not make sense, where does the funding for this come from? Culling a species that prolifically breeds and is very well adapted to survival in many environments doesnt make sense. You can kill one cat but another might have up to 6 babies, up to five times per year, please tell me how that will make a dent in the population. De-sexing is the only way, legislation to have all cats desexed upon birth with special licensing for breeding, like the changes to the puppy farms in 2025. Treating symptoms is not a cure. Prevention is the cure in all issues such as these. Street cats eventually die off but how do they end up on the streets, because people can;t look after them or dont have them desexed and the population snowballs. Wholesale legislation is a cost effective solution rather than cruel bating where the animals suffer a slow debilitating death. I am all for protecting our wildlife, but cruel killings is not the way forwards. I sincerely urge consideration for proper legislation in hope of creating a better world for both native animals and cats alike.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Tina Delfino

As a small business owner and advocate for animal rights, especially concerning cats, I strongly oppose the cruelty associated with trapping and euthanizing stray cats. Instead of resorting to inhumane methods, we should focus on more compassionate approaches, such as rescuing cats, implementing spaying and neutering programs, and taking the issue of stray cats seriously. I do not support the cruel actions taken by the council towards stray cats, and I believe this must stop immediately. As a PETA advocate for the ethical treatment of animals under my trademark, BAD KITTLY Label, based in Sydney, Australia, I urge our council and government to show more compassion towards our feline strays. It is essential to address this matter with empathy rather than resort to poisoning and cruelty.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Tina Maddison

I'd like to see a sensible approach to this legislation that is not built on cruel methods of poisoning, baiting, shooting or restricting movements. Responsible pet ownership with council rangers doing more to educate the public, incentives for sterilisation of cats and more money put into welfare agencies that do all the heavy lifting where cat welfare is concerned. Our registration money does not appear to be being used appropriately to help the cats.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Vanessa Cuesta Da Silva

Please consider my thoughts on the management of cat populations. I believe we must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. The “trap-neuter-return” programs are the most humane, science-backed methods to reduce and manage free-roaming cat populations, as well as rehoming. Every cat deserves care and protection. Wildlife rescue data shows that cats aren’t the primary risk to many threatened species. Key threats include habitat loss, vehicle collisions and dog attacks. NSW Wildlife Rehabilitation Dashboard 2022-23 Data: Unsuitable environment: 413 incidents Collision with motor vehicles: 310 incidents Habitat changes: 52 incidents Dog attacks: 98 incidents Cat attacks: 37 incidents We should protect at-risk wildlife with well-rounded, scientific and humane approaches. Efforts should be focused on habitat conservation and address threats like habitat destruction and collisions. Thank you for considering this submission.

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No 782

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Vicki Wheeler

“We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including education, which can make a difference.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Victoria Jameson

I believe in treating cats like cats not vermin. Cat welfare matters too and there are several other options than killing them. For example trap neuter release will control the population as they won't be able to reproduce. Cat fencing will keep cats out of certain areas this will protect wildlife. Deterrent products like sprays and certain plants will discourage cats . A lot of these so called feral cats were dumped by members of the public it's not their fault we need to ban the sales of cats on gumtree Facebook etc. That will encourage adoption from rescues instead of irresponsible breeders. I am a cat owner and I keep my cats indoors at all times. The government should make it law that cats must be indoors or in an outdoor cat enclosure this will also protect wildlife. There needs to also be tougher penalties for animal cruelty too . Please consider this and remember behind every feral cat is an irresponsible human to blame. Cats have a hard enough time already and are higher victims of cruelty so please do what is right. There is also the fact that because these cats are often scared of humans that if a shooter didn't get a clean shot the poor cat could suffer for weeks or even months. Killing them like this is not the answer it's just more cruelty.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Victoria Castle

I am very concerned about the welfare and treatment of cats. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Rather than call for mass extermination, instead call for mandatory desexing of all cats, whether they be from registered breeders, pet shops, or those in the general community. Education of cat owners about desexing, keeping their animals in at night, and helping with the cost of desexing would be more humane than calling for inhumane and cruel extermination practices. It is not the fault of the cats, rather the fault of cat owners that we have a problem in the first place. Demand that all domestic cats be microchipped. For cats in the wild there must be more humane ways of trapping and euthanising them than by using deadly baits which other native animals might also ingest and die from.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr Virgene Link-New

To Whom It Concerns: Educate communities about responsible pet ownership is essential. Encourage people about how to keep their cats safely indoors or contained within property boundaries, such as in cat patios, can help keep both cats and wildlife safe. Community outreach, media campaigns and school programs teaching pet care, the importance of spaying/neutering and safe indoor environments. Support local initiatives that help manage community cat populations through rehoming programs, targeted desexing and fostering. These innocent animals are loyal, loving and trusting. If feral, they did not want to be homeless, but to have a good home where they could love and be loved. Sterilize them and shelter them until they can be adopted. The best solution is helping semi-owners and owners in disadvantaged areas by providing free desexing and microchipping through programs like the Community Cat Program. Wildlife rescue data shows that cats aren't the primary risk to many threatened species. Key threats include habitat loss, vehicle collisions and dog attacks. Thank you.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Dr Virgene Link-New

To Whom It Concerns: We will not tolerate cruelty against these beloved animals. Our innocent companion animals are loyal, loving and trusting. It is not their fault they do not have homes, but the fault of humans. Unwanted numbers can be reduced by the trap, neuter and return (or shelter) program. Unhomed social animals should be sheltered, neutered and cared for until adoption. Also educate your citizens to sterilize their pets to prevent unwanted numbers. You could also subsidize sterilizing them in communities to help those unable to afford it. These innocents deserve to be treated humanely. Thank you.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Virginia Bell

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. The pet trade treats animals as slaves or toys, and inevitably there will be problems - hidden cruelty, excessive numbers, the expense of rescues. invasive alien species. The trade should be banned. Beleaguered wildlife suffer from domestic cats. Control the cat population - humanely - but first, ban the trade,

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Virginia Jensen

My interest as an animal lover is my motivation in lodging this submission. I am well aware that solutions are necessary and are constrained by budgets and diverse interests. It seems obvious to me that lasting, humane decisions must start at stemming the flow of unwanted cats. No breeding and kitten farms, subsidized reproductive procedures and shelters to care and rehouse abandoned animals, Mandatory identity chips and public education will all work towards successful outcomes. I believe the way we as a society care for and protect animals both native and domestic, is a powerful indication of our humanity. Thank you

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Wayne Collison

I live 20km from Tamworth on a small farm. My nearest neighbour's house is 1.2km from mine. There is white box woodland around my house and also a lot of native shrubs. there are nearly always a lot of small native birds around my house yard. They nest sometimes quite low to the ground in bushes. Occasionally it clicks that there are not as many small birds around the house yard as there usually is. Setting a cage trap usually results in catching a feral cat. I also sometimes get feral cats living in my machinery and hay sheds, patches of bird feathers are a giveaway. I probably catch and humanely euthanize a feral cat perhaps every couple of months..I am not sure if these cats are born feral or dumped and turn feral. Recently there was a loud noise outside the house at night time and a look with a torch spotted a cat heading across the yard with a full grown tawny frogmouth in its mouth. This was very distressing. I believe that there needs to be control measures put in place for feral cats. Control of cats also needs to apply to domestic cats, for some reason a lot of cat owners think that their cat has a right to go wherever it likes and kill whatever birds, reptiles or other natives that it likes.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Wendy Ford

There is an easy solution to the problem: 1. Ban breeders or at least better control them 2. Better encouragement for people to adopt and not shop 3. Ban cats (and dogs) from being sold at pet stores 4. All pounds/rescue groups are to not allow cats to be rehomed without being desexed

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: William Lee

Subsidised desexing. Community initiatives of "adopt a stray" where anyone that has roaming cats can be in touch with rescue volunteers and given equipment to trap and help with vet care for desexing cats. Rangers given guidelines and training on how to interact with stray cats in community and engage with local volunteers. Financial Rebate/tax deduction for anyone that takes part in a community/state run program for fostering for stray/abandoned companion animals

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Xuan Thao Nguyen

These unwanted stray kittens can be prevented if the government/council gives more financial support to low income families and rescues, and has strict rules to breeders and owners. Also, there should be educational sessions to know the differences between stray and feral cats and to understand that desexing is most important step to stop unwanted kittens.

**Short Submission
No 793**

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Yvonne Louis

All domestic cats should be microchipped, double belled and kept in at night. Feral cats should be trapped and euthanised. Homeless cats homed or euthanised. See Lane Cove Council proposal July 2023. (5 million cats estimate) estimated responsible for death of 40 reptiles, 38 birds, 32 native mammals each year. Responsible pet ownership must be enforced after education campaign.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Yvonne Wells

I would like to make this submission on behalf of all cats and those that work with them. Cats are intelligent open animals that deserve kind humane treatment at all times and I would ask why this particular animal is being picked upon. I believe if some humans stopped dumping, abandoning and not looking after their cat correctly this would not be an issue. And.. get the animals deserved why is this not the first compulsory cat ownership rule - I am at a loss to understand why this animal is so maligned. Here in Bendigo the council in their wisdom have decided to ensure all cats are contained at all times - this is animal cruelty and I am astounded that this could happen elsewhere. These animals are great companions for older Australians as well as families, and individuals - perhaps look at bad owners rather than what you perceive as bad animals - please show the damage that you say is being done in our towns and cities that our cats do. Can I just say that we perhaps need to look at wildlife destroyed by us rather than the domestic cat.

Short Submission
No 795

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Ms Zia Mowbray

Education of the public, especially on the importance of desexing and no kill shelters, and free/subsidised desexing of cats!

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Gina Taylor

As a former RSPCA worker, I witnessed first hand the overwhelming number of calls from residents concerned about stray cats giving birth in or around their backyards. This issue contributes to the growing problem of cat colonies in many communities. To effectively manage, local councils must be responsible for stray cats (any cat that is not microchipped) and offer the following 1. Free desexing Programs - Councils can run free desexing programs, targeting both stray cats and domestic cats whose owners may not have the financial resources for desexing. This long term approach would help curb the growing number of strays in the community. 2. Trap-Neuter-Return Program, implementing TNR programs allows for the humane trapping, desexing and returning of stray cats to their colonies. Over time this reduces the population growth without resorting to euthanasia. Cats that have been desexed should have a tattoo in their ear. 3. Public education campaign - fostering responsible pet ownership and informing the public about the importance of de-sexing and not abandoning cats. 4. Partner with animal welfare groups like RSPCA to develop effective strategies for stray cat management. The current law allowing cats to roam freely are detrimental to both cats and the community. This law allows councils to avoid responsibility for managing this issue.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Naomi Dunston

Hello, for the protection of domestic cats, i don't believe they should be sold through newspapers or Gumtree, Ebay etc. This is dangerous for the animals & they are usually not desexed. Desexing of cats should be compulsory & more affordable. Microchipping of cats should be compulsory but affordable. Once registered with a vet ownets shouldn't have to go online & register again with the state & pay for it. No-Kill shelters are the best option for rescue cats, abandoned cats. They are looked after through foster care, desexed before finding a home. There are pet shops that also work with no-kill shelters to help find homes for cats. A registered breeder should have to desex cats before sale. Thank you. Naomi

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No 798

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Miss Kayla Rosewood

Please provide free desexing programs for cats. It's not the cats fault they're homeless. We to help them.

**Short Submission
No 799**

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Miss Emilie Omeara

Hi i think the council needs to offer cheap desexing because atm volunteers are paying with their own money trying to get the stray situation under control, and also because if people cant afford to desex their own animals and dump them the situation just escalates.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Tasmia Rahman Annaba

Breeding and breeders should be banned. We don't need breeders. So many cats end up on the streets because of them. There should be strict laws on microchipping and desexing. If you own a cat, it must be desexed, or else you should face a fine. Trap-neuter-release programs need to be implemented across the country. Councils should provide desexing and microchipping vouchers or run desexing programs. While some councils try to do this, Cumberland Council is the worst.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Karl Augustine

Feral cats per CSIRO report are killing two billion native animals a year. We need Gene Drive technology where cats have male only kittens passed on from one generation to the next. We need more use of Felixer grooming devises with 1080. We need to use drones and DNA samples and cat tracking dogs to totally eradicate all cats on every island. We need to vastly expand car feral animal free exclusion fencing. We need bounties on feral cars. We need NPWS to include shooting of cats in National Parks. With regards to uncontained pet cats NSW STATE GOVERNMENT needs to change the animal companion act NSW 1998 which allows pet cats to free roam. Two in three uncontained pet cats die ten years earlier than contained cats. Pet cats uncontained kill 546 million animals of which 323 million are native each year. In Greater Sydney Region alone pet cats kill 112 million animals of which 66 million are native each year. Pet cats uncontained kill 550 Australians and 18,500x hospitalisations and 125,000 cases a year with toxoplasmosis, cat scratch disease and cat round worms. Costing health 6 billion a year. 14 x councils in NSW who want to implement 24 7 cat containment laws are hindered by NSW State Government. Only NSW and WA don't have pet cat containment 24 7 laws

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Name: Dr Hannah Nair

I currently own three cats which my family has adopted through various agencies in Sydney, NSW. I'm strongly in favour of a desexing program which would subsidise the cost to these agencies of desexing the animals coming into their care, therefore making adoption of these animals a more financially viable option for families. Such a program may also provide valuable learning experience and skills acquisition for student vets and vet nurses under the supervision of qualified staff.

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Name: Ms Anne Shackman

Desexing program of all cats must be number 1 priority. Number 2 priority is a night curfew on keeping cats inside. There are (sadly) more than enough cats that need adopting (just as dogs, rabbits, Guinea pigs, ferrets!) that breeding of them should be outlawed. Through no fault of their own, they can kill native species which is not helping Australia's appalling rate of biodiversity loss.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Paul Collaros

The government need to introduce a desexing program for ALL homeless cats ,there are countless people like myself who spend many hours every single day and night in providing a better life for these cats that have absolutely nothing! Ie foods ,fresh water ,shelters,out of our own time and funds.Councils could use us to do the hard work and just provide us with free vet checks & work -this would drastically reduce numbers ! In saying that cats work well to reduce vermin and without them we would have a huge infestation of vermin ,nature at its best !

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mrs Georgea Theodoridis

Hi. I wish to write in as I work alongside many animal rescues in my local area and there is no end of need for the street cats that these groups of people feed. I don't think there is one solution for all strays in NSW or all over Australia. But it starts with Parliament taking time to hear directly from those out on the streets every night feeding the strays that have been dumped in various localities. We need more than one approach. Keeping up the desexing vouchers for those vulnerable are a great start. Helping animal rescuers and councils with funds to assist with making additional local areas into a home for these cats to go into, instead of them being dumped everywhere. If there was various locations, people would hopefully not just dump their cat on the side of the road, or in a empty lot or leave them as they move house. Please listen to all animal rescuers as they make submissions now and then we will not only be helping those poor cats dumped through no fault of their own but those people dedicating their lives to bringing down the stray populations and feeding them every night.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Jennifer Cuthbertson

Our native wildlife urgently needs effective government cat containment policy legislation. Community members currently observe powerlessly cats killing wildlife in their own properties with no legal means of stopping them, until we have cat containment legislation. Dogs are not allowed to wander uncontrolled and neither should cats. The RSPCA recommends cat containment for their own and wildlife's safety. The toll of cats on our wildlife is catastrophic and extensively documented. Education programs about caring for companion cats emphasising the safety point of RSPCA policy can accompany legislation. The effectiveness of large scale desexing programs to reduce the number of homeless cats are also demonstrated, however need to be in conjunction with government cat containment legislation, in order to address the disastrous impacts cats are having on threatened native species.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Paula Searle

Cats are one of the main introduced predators to NSW yet the current laws in NSW give very little protection to our native wildlife and other domestic pets from roaming cats. These domestic cats are allowed to roam freely 24 hrs a day and no restrictions apply, to protect our wildlife and our domestic pets from these savage, unsupervised hunters.

I personally have lost pet budgies housed inside my house because of domestic cats roaming outside a screen door where they were housed terrifying them to death, but because they were a “domestic “ cat there was nothing I could do to keep them out of my own garden, nor from my own veranda.

The law needs to be changed immediately because why do domestic cats receive such protection over and above wildlife & other domestic pets.? This is not ethical nor humane for pets or wildlife. Full containment laws is the only action that prevents cats from hunting for fun, and constantly disturbing the life of our wildlife, and other other pets.

Thanks

Paula

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Mr Lester Searle

I'm more than a bit tired of cats taking native birds. Our native birds are about all that is left of our wildlife in urban areas. They did not evolve to cope with the cat as predator. It seems reasonable for cat owners to keep their cats inside their own premises. Safer for the cat and safer for the wildlife.

In protecting a native bird I have been bitten by a cat which resulted in a nasty injury requiring medical intervention. This could have been avoided if cats are contained inside the owners premises.

Cats are also a significant predator of all wildlife outside of suburbia. I support a sunset clause for Cat ownership in Australia with first a compulsory sterilisation of pet cats and ultimately a ban on keeping them so we don't keep adding to the wild population and could then consider biological control for that problem.

Thanks for considering the issue,

Regards

Lester Searle

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Name: Miss Melissa Moyle

As an animal lover, this fondness also extends to cats. I always find the messaging from the government regarding cats as incredibly disappointing. The government has taken an approach which views cats as these demonic, horrible creatures who voraciously destroy native wildlife. This commentary has incited a lot of violence and cruelty onto cats, with people reciting government messages of cats being "introduced" and therefore a "pest." This means sick people use it as an excuse to do horrific things to cats, it's incredibly hard to hear. The culling programs are particularly disappointing, and on top of the cruelty behind the operation, they have also been proven to not work. I really wish Australia would adopt a harder line approach to desexing, and also employ TNR. If breeders were strictly regulated, we wouldn't see so many in-tact cats in the community. It needs to be compulsory for cats to be desexed, and breeders need to be highly regulated (or better yet, stopped). As always, it is irresponsible people who are responsible for cats ending up in nature and able to attack wildlife, and if they're in-tact they can then multiply even more.

I don't understand Australia's cruel, inhumane tactics whereby killing and painful poisoning is seen as viable options.

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Name: Dr Graeme Armstrong

Terms of reference (i) options for reducing the feral cat population.

The only long term solution to controlling widespread feral species is gene drive technology. see <https://piperlab.science.unimelb.edu.au/>

Whilst novel and in development this technology should be the focus of investment as all other control measures are transitory in effect and therefore ongoing forever. Gene drive technology has the potential to solve the problem at best or require on-going small scale management at significantly less cost than current lethal control methods. Furthermore, this technology would far outweigh the impact of current methods as it would impact a significant proportion of the population across vast areas and therefore have a greater positive effect on native wildlife.

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Name: Miss Anmol Grewal

"negative psychological effects, including depression, traumatic stress, suicide, and substance abuse"

"...the severity of the adverse psychological impacts, and the morbidity rate amongst the cat caregivers we interviewed, was far greater than would be expected as a risk to the community if the cats had remained at the site. We therefore suggest that potential legal ramifications should be considered before authorities intentionally choose a method of management that is likely to inflict substantial harm on community members."

"The results demonstrates strong relationships between the caregivers and the cats, and negative impacts on caregiver mental health and quality of life associated with this lethal cat management practice. It is strongly recommended that a care-centred management approach be taken, whereby authorities identify and assist caregivers to implement neutering and, if possible, adoption."

The Impact of Lethal, Enforcement-Centred Cat Management on Human Wellbeing: Exploring Lived Experiences of Cat Carers Affected by Cat Culling at the Port of Newcastle
<https://www.mdpi.com/2076-2615/13/2/271>

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Name: Dr Tanya Stephens

I commend the NSW Parliament for their initiative in having this inquiry. I am a small animal veterinary practice owner and practitioner in the inner west. Haberfield Veterinary Hospital. I am also a member of the AVA and contributed to their submission.

My practice is impacted by the significant numbers of unowned cats left on our doorstep as well as seeing the impacts of unowned roaming cats....Damage to wildlife, cat bites and spread of infectious diseases. This imposes a financial and emotional burden on my practice and staff. RSPCA, Council, CP soc etc won't take these cats as they say it's not their responsibility. It's certainly not mine. Many practices refuse to take care of abandoned cats leaving staff in a difficult position and obliged to take them home rather than see them suffer. This is not fair. My practice keeps them to rehome but it sometimes takes months to achieve as these are almost always non socialised cats and often unwell.

The Companion Animals Act needs to be reformed asap so that local authorities can take responsibility for these .cats. Especially so that local authorities can pick up these cats from vet practices.

Cats have a significant impact on wildlife, particularly after fires and action to control feral cats in a humane way is essential.

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Name: Ms Baidis McIntyre

The situation here is becoming desperate with over 4000 cats in Tamworth allowed to roam at will I am hoping that legislation will be applied whereby cats are, by law, kept inside or in an enclosure particularly at night How long will it be before something is done to protect our wildlife..? and these are domestic cats, the feral cats also being an issue Thanking you for your consideration regarding this matter Baidis McIntyre

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Name: Alycia Park

1.9 million reptiles, 1.2 million birds, 3.2 million mammals, 3 million invertebrates and at least 0.25 million frogs killed per day in Australia by roaming cats. Cat owners need to be held responsible for desexing their cats and keeping them in cat enclosures. I have to deal with daily occurrences in my area of cats hunting birds, ruining my garden and fighting other cats through the night. All local councils in NSW should be implementing laws around roaming cats. Not only for the safety of native animals, but also for the safety of cats.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ms Marita Macrae

I urge this inquiry to consider the serious damage roaming cats do to native wildlife. Cats are natural predators. The NSW Companion

Animals Act must be amended to include the rule for containment of cats.. Cats must be microchipped so the owner can be identified. Councils should be enabled to enforce this rule. Penalties should apply to owners of cats allowed to roam. Cats without a microchip should be impounded and destroyed if they can't be rehomed. Rehoming should be on the condition that the cat will be contained, and evidence of this provided.at the premises the cat will go to.

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Name: Mr Barry Lees

Animal Welfare Committee - Management of Cat Populations in NSW

I live on 5 acres of bush in Galston, northern Sydney. I have a wildlife infra-red camera that I use at night to learn about what fauna is on the property. I have seen wallabies, bandicoots, possums, goannas, snakes, echidnas, foxes, rabbits.

Recently I photographed 2 cats that live on a property about 500m away and another cat that probably lives on the next property about 100m away. These were wandering near my house in the middle of the night. I assume they were hunting for prey. This makes me angry and I wish there were laws that forced owners to keep cats in suitable enclosures 24/7, or on leads and under control when out.

Barry Lees

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Name: Ms Rion Calcutt

Councils to offer cheaper desexing

Councils to go to tender for companies that can build permanent or temporary (for rental properties) enclosures. With affordable payment plans. Free registration if they have enclosure.

Stop pet shops from selling animals that are not desexed

Maybe they should only sell in conjunction with a rescue

Better funding for rescues

If a responsible owner has enclosure and all cats are desexed, increase the number of cats they can have

Hearty penalties for people that don't desex and donate contain their cats

I could go on and on

Thank god finally a politician that wants to help animals and not just put them down

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Name: Mrs Susannah Goudie

I live in Pittwater. A beautiful leafy area of Sydney. Over the 17 years that we have lived there we have noticed a dramatic decrease in the amount of local fauna in the area and an increase in the amount of cats roaming around a night.

On many occasions on an evening stroll, I have encountered cats walking around after dark. There are a lot of residents in our area that are screaming out for restrictions on roaming cats.

As a community we try to educate people, but unfortunately there are still people who let their cats roam. The wildlife desperately needs us to legislate in order to ensure they can survive. Please help us help them!

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Name: Ms Joy Nason

I am a cat lover and pet owner and have always kept my cat or cats confined within the house or contained backyard. I believe there is a place in society for companion animals, such as cats and I also believe such companion animals should be confined and therefore not pose a risk to the natural wildlife. Roaming and feral cats can destroy huge numbers of native wildlife and the NSW Legislative Council should strengthen laws to keep companion animals such as cats confined within the home and impose severe penalties for anyone breaking these laws.

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Name: Ms Sarah Avery

Cats are very independent animals & they need to be allowed to lead natural lives. Having said that compulsory desexing of cats that are not being bred should be compulsory & heavy fines imposed when this is not done. Cats should be allowed outside depending on the individual animal but it would be fair to confine them during the night where most native animals are active. Allowing cats to live natural lives is essential for their wellbeing. Humans who do not take responsibility for their feline companions are the villains here - not cats.

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Name: Ms Debbie Dunne

These poor cats/kittens dont deserve to be treated so cruelly,they didnt ask or want to be dumped or abandoned,all they want and deserve is love and kindness,not treated so cruel or killed by the likes of so called humans,which they are not,but monsters,my suggestion is to do TNR,meaning trap,neuter and release and they will be better off,other places and countries do this with very positive results,only low life monsters hurt,kill and injure innocent animals that cant talk or defend themselves.

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The ideas already listed in this form are fantastic, particularly the de-sexing vouchers for low income households.. I'd like to add the following: – educating new pet owners on the benefits of having indoor cats, particularly with increased life spans and better health for the cats and for native wildlife. – encouraging developers of large apartment complexes to build outdoor cat enclosures that all residents can share and enjoy.

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Talk to Emeritus Professor Jacquie Rand and her colleagues. https://theconversation.com/how-to-cut-stray-cat-numbers-in-a-way-that-works-better-for-everyone-229291?fbclid=IwY2xjawGjgp5leHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHbnQ1K1eKILptcmIyRIiH-JTVpmkW2FWgfdgbvwYonVNwnTol-2EzOMkZw_aem_TMqrbVp4z_46UmorMtVo2g

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Rather than demonising and putting cats in danger the following should be considered to manage population control. - Legalisation for TNR (trap, neuter, release) programs and support for rescue organisations to reduce cat colony sizes. - Funding provided to rescue organisations that run desexing programs. - improvements to public education and access to desexing.

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If we consider our nation to be progressive, kind and caring, we should include welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education for cat populations. Hold 'breeders' and owners accountable for their animal control measures. ALL animals should be treated humanely and heaven forbid our citizens don't understand the definition of 'Humane'.

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Please take the following into consideration when seeking to change current cat management systems in place. - additional funding for rescue organisations - due to influx of caught cats after hours - additional support for rescues - due to influx of cats caught - support for individuals to improve their cats containment - consideration that eliminating cat colonies causes other issues in built up areas. When cats were removed from an area I loved in the rat population boomed. - consider grandfathering in any laws - how will any curfew programs be funded? Where I live roaming dogs can't even be controlled by council but instead rely on the public to catch these dogs. - and perhaps this thought is a little extreme but why punish cats for their environmental impact when there are human impacts that could be more successfully mitigated with similar funding.

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I am against baiting, trapping and other inhumane methods of eliminating cats. These ineffective and dangerous methods will not result in what the Invasive Species Council. Providing free desexing and microchipping programs have been proven to be much more successful and recommended from truly independent studies. I'm aghast at people who would take the views of a partisan group such as the Invasive Species Council above what is the right thing to do.

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Good afternoon, This will be a short submission as I am not a subject-matter expert. I urge to you to prioritise cat welfare and humane solutions. I volunteer as a carer for some local strays in a cat colony, and so much of this problem could be addressed through community education and funding to support desexing. One (well, two) un-desexed cat(s) can lead to litter after litter of kittens being born. Some parts of the community incorrectly believe de-sexing is cruel, while others simply cannot afford it. Please don't rush to easy/cheap but cruel solutions without first trying a properly funded and coordinated effort for all pet cats to be de-sexed, for stray cats to be managed through trap, neuter and return programs, and to end breeding of cats for profit as this just further increases the overpopulation problem. We need to protect our native species, but this must be done in a humane manner. Please focus on de-sexing and cat containment (with appropriately long timeframes) first. I and the other volunteers who support our local cat colony deeply care about all animals, not just cats, but we know there are humane solutions out there - the return on government investment might just take slightly longer to eventuate than poisoning and culling.

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Please prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education

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When I moved to my current rental home at the start of this year, it came with some "neighbourhood cats". These 4 cats are all desexed and I feed them so they are not a threat to native wildlife. But they cannot come inside due to my own cats. I worry what will happen to cats like these, who are essentially a managed colony, if well managed colony cats are not considered. TNR is vital to ensuring cats are not treated cruelly. Vilification will result in danger and harm to cats who are not intended as problems. I urge you to work with multiple organisations working in this space, including cat rescue, pounds and others to ensure any legislation is responsible and cruelty free.

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1. The govt should stop demonising cats, and give grants to councils for free desexing programs
2. The govt should give financial support to struggling cat rescue shelters
3. The govt should give desexing vouchers to low socio economic communities and where there are large cat communes
4. The govt should have cat education programs
5. Tell the govt cats aren't to blame for the wildlife issues. The causes are climate change, mass land clearing, deforestation, human interference

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Why are strict controls being brought in for cats but not for dogs? The many cat haters out there will take it upon themselves to implement cat curfews - how do you intend to counter that?

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1- appreciate that most cat owners are responsible and we love our cats, and will be happy to follow any policies such as curfews. Require all cats to be microchipped for identification. Have a fine for any cats out after the curfew, catch the cat humanely and fine the owner, but always treat the cat kindly. 2- recommend to offer financial support to help adoption of management ideas such as vouchers for desexing and incentive for cat runs installed in backyard 3- recommend that any education campaigns address all pets, i.e. encourage all pet owners to be responsible, for owners of dogs, rabbits, birds etc as well as cats. It's offensive to target cats only. Other animal owners need to be responsible too. We all love our pets. There are some irresponsible pet owners, but this is not limited to cat owners, eg when owners do not pick up after their dogs, when they have left a deposit on a public footpath.

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The feral cat problem in Australia is enormous and highly destructive to the ecosystem. While I am deeply concerned for the welfare of cats, community programs, such as desexing and education, are not enough on their own. Species extinction is a significant issue in this country. As a former wildlife rescue volunteer with WIRES, I am all too familiar with the problems cats pose to wildlife. Although the sentience of cats must be considered, the native animals injured or killed by feral cats are also thinking and feeling creatures. To control the stray cat population, I support baiting, trapping, and other methods—if they have been proven effective—alongside community programs like desexing, rehoming, and education.

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Please prioritise cat welfare and support humane Management practices, including desexing and education.

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As a cat behaviour consultant, I am a huge advocate for indoor cats. However, I am against containment being suddenly mandatory. It places a lot of stress on cats who have never been contained ... and on owners who have to deal with all of the behavioural problems that will result. Containment of cats needs a progressive but gradual approach over generations with education programs of how to safely contain cats and provide them with everything they need... not a knee jerk reaction that will endanger the lives and mental well-being of so many cats.

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Growing colonies of stray cats being fed by dedicated feeders- our own money being used to feed these poor animals. Sadistic people in the community are purposely running them over- causes so much distress to the remaining cats- people are dumping their pet cats amongst this growing colony- one of hundreds and growing. International students are adopting them for their time here- not neutering- dumping them onto the streets when they leave the country.

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Please prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practises of cats and kittens, which would include desexing and education. I also believe there should be a law made for all new cat owners that cats should be kept indoors or in a cat enclosure which would keep the cats safe and wildlife safe. These reasons I have submitted would make a great difference to the cats and the environment around them. Thankyou

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Cats should not be permitted to roam the neighbourhood. They can cause accidents especially to elderly people

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Managing cats needs to be done in conjunction with rescue groups who are already working on this issue. Councils need to be involved and need to communicate and work with rescue groups. Better humane management plans will make a difference. Educating members of the public on the merits of desexing NOT issuing more fines to people who do not desex their pets at a certain age. Recently fines were introduced if people did not desex their cats by 4 months of age. People respond best to carrots not sticks. Get rid of the punitive mindset, be willing to spend on education, have less fines, and work in with rescue groups who are doing amazing work at their own expense.

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Animals deserve the same respect as humans! Cats deserve a warm and loving home!

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Killing cats is a horrible solution and it has been proven that it does not protect the wildlife. We should focus on solutions such as neutering and rehoming, as well as introducing stronger penalties for abandoning animals.

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I am very concerned about the cat curfew and how it will be managed without harming cats. There is a risk that pounds and shelters will be overloaded with subsequent large scale euthanasias and encourage cruelty towards outdoor cats. Control of cat populations should include the following to assist community members: - Expanding Trap Neuter Release (TNR) Programs, including financial support for rescue groups that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Control / help for people displaying cat hoarding behaviours. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have large colonies of cats that are in a TNR scenario. I do support curfews but I don't support cruelty to animals which this type of program could encourage the kind of people who hate cats or dogs. Please consider other options as well.

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Provide more funding to rescue groups to help with critical work to keep cats healthy and safe.

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Inquiry into the Management of Cat Populations We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education, can make a difference. Animal cruelty has no place in a country like Australia. Thank you Regards

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Very briefly, following on the recent outlawing of unregistered puppy farms in NSW I am also requesting the regulation of kitten farms. Details of the practices of both types of operation have been well covered in parliament and media and there is no need for me as a private individual to forward anything further. Protection for the animals involved is well overdue.

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Cat population needs to be monitored as people neglect to do the correct and caring act of having cats desexed. I feel strongly that these animals are looked after as it is the humane thing to do. It is a sad reflection to know there are groups of cats living on the streets. The welfare is a very important issue and hope a good outcome can be attained

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Cats are intelligent and loving animals. We must do everything in our power to support humane ways to prioritise the welfare of these innocent creatures. Desexing and educating owners would be a good start.

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It is the government's responsibility to: - promote adoption - promote at-home containment - invest in desexing projects - invest in education programmes to inform the public about why there can be no such thing as a "responsible" breeder while homeless cat numbers continue to skyrocket. - forbid breeders. I am strongly opposed to any other strategy to control the cats population. Cat management strategies must be focused on humane ways of addressing the root cause of overpopulation, not employing cruel, dangerous lethal measures. It should be strictly forbidden to involve the population in limitation cat feral population by poisoning them or shooting them. What example will we give to our kids ?

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As a cat parent of 2 beautiful rescue cats who bring me so much love and joy, I want to share my love for these beautiful creatures of God and beg you to consider prioritising cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. These initiatives also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved. A NSW Government-commissioned report supports large-scale desexing programs instead, showing that killing programs are ineffective. The recent NSW Pound Inquiry has recommended a proactive solution: providing grants to councils and rescue organisations to fund large-scale, targeted desexing programs across the state, including community cat desexing in areas with large homeless cat populations, especially disadvantaged communities. These kinds of programs are a long-term, compassionate solution that reduces stray cat populations without demonising cats. I hope you will consider my submission. Thank you.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Inhumane and cruel killing of cats does not solve any problem. Humans are the cause of all problems associated with cats and dogs. Ruthless, cruel money-hungry breeders, ignorant, uncaring owners and exorbitant vet and council fees all contribute to cats and dogs being abandoned and resulting in many becoming feral. SOLUTIONS Controls on all breeders to stop mass breeding. Offer free neutering programmes Subsidise vet fees, many owners abandon sick animals when vet fees escalate Educate the public on the importance of responsible cat and dog ownership Penalise farmers who have cats to control mice but refuse to have cats neutered even when wildlife carers offer to organise the process!!! Cats and dogs are an important part of our communities and in today's ruthless, unkind, uncaring and violent world they give unconditional love to, not only families, but people who are alone, sick and struggling to cope in a world that is more interested in killing than loving, caring and healing. Stop killing animals. Stop poisoning animals Stop the cruelty and inhumanity. "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated". Mahatma Gandhi

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Vouchers and subsidies for desexing , especially for the elderly or vulnerable for whom pets are so important. Pet owners require transportation to get their pet desexed or treated.The rules for pets on public transport are a mish mash. Trains and metro - no . Buses and ferries.... Yes kind of ...if the driver or staff agree. People who make vet appointments shouldn't have to rely on the discretion of staff.Whatever you decide in the end and however you go about it , it should be based on the principle that if you want people to do something- make it easy for them , and the more organisations involved in solving this problem the fewer the chances of success.

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As a cat owner who has always rehomed Stray Cats, I would strongly encourage the committee to look at the benefits of: - trap, neuter and release programs - subsidised or free sexing programs which are not income dependent - more funding for rescues For reducing and managing stray and feral cat populations. These programs are shown to reduce and manage stray cat populations. Any bills or programs that place restrictions on cats, such as curfews, encourage and embolden vicious members of our community to harm cats. I have direct experience with this, with residents in my surrounding areas deliberately seeking to harm cats they encounter because they believe they can or just don't like them. A recent resident was trying to trap a cat under a large rug so he could run it over - because he thought it was stray pest. I shudder to think what additional rules on cats would lead to. Speaking with elderly or recent immigrant cat owners who haven't desexed their cats, The main reason appears to be the cost factor and physically getting the animal to the Vet if they don't drive. These residents then have to deal with unwanted kittens which have the potential to become strays. Providing funding for desexing and support for rescues would be an easy fix. I strongly encourage a bigger focus on responsible pet ownership over punitive actions on stray cats.

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In a very positive step, puppy mills are being investigated seriously, however, equally important is the welfare of cats, or any animal for that matter. Please also include protection for cats in cruel and unethical kitten farms. With an overpopulation of cats and dogs there is a very small need for such breeding facilities in the first place, especially greedy and uncaring breeders. This industry needs an urgent overhaul to include cats as well as dogs. Thank you

Short Submission
No 856

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education

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I have a deep concern for the welfare of cats in extermination programs and also the demonisation of cats in Australian society. My own animal companions are former unsocialised cats from a cat colony that I rescued myself and had desexed. I am aware of the poisoning and beating to death of stray cats living in inner city suburbs. I believe that in a humane society we should reduce stray cat populations with free desexing programs and support the community groups that are trying to humanely help these animals. I am aware of desexed and fed community cats being picked up by local councils and euthanised - or the carers are held to ransom to pay hundreds of dollars to get them back even though the cats are desexed. I am a former wildlife carer with WIRES so I am aware that cats can be destructive to wildlife and I encourage owned cats to be kept indoors. But habitat destruction and motor vehicles are more destructive.

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Please consider the below for this submission: - The legalisation of TNR Programs, and support for the rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Implementation of funding support for rescuers that run desexing programs. - Ways to take assertive action with cat hoarding without punishing the cats. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges.

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Important! Share this post. Let's be heard! The NSW Legislative Council's Animal Welfare Committee is currently conducting an inquiry into the management of cat populations in New South Wales. Why is this important? As a cat owner / cat lover, this is important because new policies could affect your cats' well-being and safety. It could affect our street colonies. What do you need to do? Make your voice heard - have your say. Link to the submission (and other helpful links) in comments. What to write? If you don't have time, even something simple as "Please prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education

1. Accessible and affordable (possibly free) desexing services for all cat owners by NSW government.
2. Raising awareness about the importance of cat desexing in communities.
3. Providing funding and resources to no-kill rescues that operate desexing programs.
4. Implementing TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) programs through legislation to manage and reduce stray cat populations.
5. Our existing, well managed colonies and how we need to protect them.
6. Stricter regulations on cat breeding to prevent overpopulation.
7. Pet ownership responsibilities: mandatory desexing, microchipping and registration of cats.
8. Collaboration between local councils, veterinarians, and rescue groups to address cat overpopulation.

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I feel like this will target homeless cats and cats who accidentally get out And people will harm them Not all outdoor cat owners are irresponsible Some of us have cats who wear bells. Are well fed, don't need to kill anything to survive

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I am writing to express my deep concern over any proposed cruelty in the management of homeless cats in NSW, such as the use of 1080 poison. This method is not only archaic and cruel but also unnecessary, given the availability of humane and effective alternatives. Homeless cats are not to blame for their situation. Many of these cats, if given the chance, can become as loving and friendly as domestic cats, and all of them deserve the right to life. Poisoning is an inhumane solution that causes immense suffering, tarnishing our collective humanity and ethical progress as a society. As does shooting. Rather than funding barbaric and outdated death programs, I urge the government to redirect resources toward compassionate solutions. Programs offering free desexing, combined with public education, would address population concerns humanely and effectively. Additionally, funding for cat sanctuaries could provide a safe haven for these animals, supporting their well-being and fostering a community of compassion. We have the opportunity to lead by example, choosing kindness and innovation over cruelty and violence. I respectfully ask the government to consider the humane alternatives available and to act with compassion toward these vulnerable animals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Have noted submissions close 22 Nov. Please obtain my letter of concern sent to the Minister for the Environment My letter is under ...Office of Local Government reference number ...A928541-DD Note: your system is not user friendly...impossible to find details of the committee, no email address to send letters as your pro former would not allow me to send the photos of my correspondence I think you can do better. Thank you

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Free desex, free registration and microchips so all cats are registered. Free desex of wild street cats anyone can get voucher not just low income earner. Encourage changes to by-laws to allow cats in apartments. All cats to be kept indoors.

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I believe cats should not be allowed to roam freely, they are an introduced species and do a lot of damage to the environment. There should not be cat colonies, these create more unwanted kittens than can be dealt with. I had a stray give birth on my deck to four kittens, mum was sick however I was unable to locate anywhere to take them, I could not even drop them at a pound, was advised a ranger had to collect which was impossible to arrange. The number of cat rescues that are full before kitten season really takes hold is an indication of the explosion of cats we do not need.

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Rather than curfews only, I would like to ask that the Government consider the following: - The legalisation of TNR (trap, neuter, return) Programs, and support for the feline rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Implementation of funding support for rescuers that run desexing programs. - Ways to take assertive action with cat hoarding without punishing the cats. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges. Cat curfews will, and have, lead to animal cruelty and abuses by people who wish to bring harm to them. This is why the Government needs to think about this proposal more broadly and humanely. Thank you.

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As a cat owning household, I support greater measures to improve the wellbeing of cats and our wildlife in Sydney. The introduction of Cat Desexing Vouchers for low-income households, alongside curfews for outdoor cats, to address the growing issue of feline overpopulation and improve community safety. By offering financial support for sexing procedures, we can empower those in need to prevent unintended litters and reduce the burden on rescue groups and shelters. Introducing curfews for outdoor cats in all local government areas will protect wildlife, reduce the spread of disease, and ensure cats are kept in safer environments. We do not allow our cat outside both for her safety and that of wildlife. This measure, combined with fines for owners unregistered and unmicrochipped cats, could encourage responsible pet ownership and help control the feral cat population. Furthermore, securing government funding to assist rescue groups with desexing is crucial. This will allow these organisations like Animal Welfare League NSW (who we foster for) to focus on vital tasks like fostering and adoption, ultimately reducing the strain on local shelters and creating a more sustainable approach to cat welfare. By implementing these measures, we can foster a safer, healthier, and more responsible relationship between cats and their communities.

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Hi 🙌 I guess it's true cats are natural predators of small animals but they seem to be under the microscope for this when there are indeed Australian Native cats that are now extinct from being overly hunted and abused. They've become a justified target for people who find any excuses to use their expensive guns they purchased. Also their numbers are being magnified when it may be insignificant compared to the numbers of rats and rabbits. Nature has it's own way of balancing itself and allowing laws to abuse cats that are free roaming is not an intelligent or compassionate choice. The cats targeted are often household pets that are well fed and not hunting Australian wildlife anyway. I own a cat and feed it 3 times a day at least and witnessed over 15 years well fed cats rarely hunt anything. It has killed Asia minor birds And rats mostly. Only a few times has it gotten other types of birds Over 15 years. Which is not much compared to the whole bird population. Feral cats would eat more wild life but snakes and foxes hunt them and their kittens also. So it's all a natural thing really and not a good enough reason to focus on allowing cats to be hunted inhumanely and contained inhumanely please.

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Please prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Other countries & species have catch, desex & release programs that work to limit growing populations of stray animals, some include vaccinations. Please consider all viable alternatives to ending the lives of these playful, loving animals.

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Cats are routinely demonised in Australian society as being the cause of the destruction of wildlife. Reality is that humans, property development, native habitat destruction and cars pose far more risk to native animals and environmental than cats do. Please do not scapegoat cats and treat them inhumanely by poisoning and trapping to kill. TNR has proven to be a viable solution to overpopulation overseas and in an advanced society such as Australia we should be looking to do the same. Please consider this humane solution instead. Cats are here, as are human beings, dogs, cows and pigs, so please treat them with the respect they deserve. Never forget that without the cats, the mice and rats populations will also explode. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

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Cat welfare, humane management practices (desexing and education) must be prioritized. Cats share their lives with humans, they deserve to be treated kindly, not with cruelty through methods that will cause incredible suffering. Cats deserve compassionate management. Why should they suffer because of our mistakes.

Short Submission
No 872

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Every cat deserves protection as they provide value. Keeping pests under control is one example.

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I am greatly concerned about the cat population bill. It is not always easy for people to keep their cats inside or on their property. There are many people who hate cats and this could easily lead to cats being caught and killed by inhumane methods as has already happened. The anguish of losing a much loved family pet this way is truly heartbreaking. There are also colonies of cats who could also be killed inhumanely. The best option is Trap, Neuter and Release. Another option is finding homes for these cats as Yvette has done in West Australia. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-09-16/feral-cats-to-friendly-pets-as-woman-rehabilitates-wild-moggies/10246910> There are people who dump their cats and action should be taken against anyone who does this. Please think of the elderly, the families and all those who love their cats dearly. Already there are many cats going missing or being stolen. Please do not give those who hate cats a reason to catch and kill any cat they see.

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Australia has a huge problem with feral animals and their impact on our native flora and fauna. However this is not the fault of the animals - humans and their irresponsible, and often ignorant behaviour, are always the cause of this dreadful situation. For the sake of our wildlife cat populations do need to be controlled but it behoves humans as the root cause of the problem to do so in a compassionate manner. Cats often provide companionship, affection and joy to people including the most vulnerable. Mandatory curfews and fines are not always possible for such owners to accommodate despite their best intentions and efforts. Compassion is necessary for both the cats and their owners. Surely funding widespread desexing programs and education and assistance with responsible ownership might be given serious consideration.

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We need to stop persecuting cats (and animals in general) and acknowledge that human activity is the primary cause of the decline of native wildlife; habitat destruction and hits by cars. Cats are demonised, but their impact has been greatly exaggerated. It is pointless killing cats anyway, we need to desex them. The government should invest in community cat programs and support the struggling voluntary organisations that are doing this job in the community. This would be much more cost effective than repeated programs of cruelty, trapping, poisoning etc. Cats are beautiful creatures, just trying to survive, often abandoned by humans and allowed to breed due to the ignorance of human beings. it's about time we showed other species some kindness rather than treating them with brutality.

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I'd like local council to be involved more in catching and de-sexing cats. I have adopted 2 cats from a friend who caught stray cats from an illegal cat breeding site where the unwanted kittens were dumped in Carlingford Bunnings carpark. There are over 50 cats there. I'm told the council knows about it and has/will catch and desex them before releasing them again into the same location. There are no places left for them to be re-homed so they will just put them back out onto the street. This just is crazy but the people who were caught with the illegal cat breeding set up should be made to pay for or be made accountable for their harm. What kind of systems are in place to deter to catch these people? Is there enough information for everyday people to know what to do and how to respond to stray cats? The local businesses were just providing food and water and local residents also fed them... but with so many cats, it's impossible for them to solve it on their own. My friend paid for the 7 cats she caught to get desexed, vaccinated and microchipped and then found homes for them through her social networks. I wish there were more services available to connect caring people like my friend.

Short Submission
No 877

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Name: Name suppressed

I am supportive of curfews, desexing and education, anything to reduce cat numbers and their impact on the environment. Perhaps penalties could be considered.

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Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education, can make a difference. Having cost effective desexing programs can help reduce numbers of kittens being born, and cats being dumped. We need to be kind and compassionate to cats and all animals.

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My suggestion is a combination of education and restrictions. If people realised how much damage these cute balls of fluff can do, I'm sure they'd reassess their access to the outdoors. Have you sought input from vets & national parks? Education: - Inform the community of the secret lives of cats, the damage they do to native wildlife - even if they're well fed. Cats will hunt for fun and owners will often never know. - Use "Nudge" theory to influence residents? https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nudge_theory - Flyers (paper/electronic) to be distributed to vets, pet shops, strata managers, rental agents to be included with pet applications, rates notices, council website...etc - Unlike dogs, cats are happy to be kept indoors Restrictions: - Cats/kittens only available via registered breeders or vets - All cats/kittens must be desexed unless registered breeder - Subsidies provided to vets for desexing cats/kittens - All cats/kittens within xkms (1km?) radius of national parks must be kept indoors at all times unless restrained on a leash

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The stray cat community are often a result of human actions. They are decidedly not feral cats, the vast majority of them are capable of being rehomed, retrained and providing safe and loving companionship. The biggest issue for the stray cat community is desexing them so they don't continue to reproduce. The rescues and pounds are overrun in certain areas. Having a desexing program and financial support to them to desex and treat health issues. Any other actions is inhumane, they are living animals and deserve to be treated with respect and given a chance in life. These living creatures have done nothing to deserve their position in life, they need to be respected and cared for. Cat containment methods are not right. I do not support the draft threat abatement plan. We have the structure to support stray cats, we just need more resourcing but in absolutely no circumstances are stray cats feral cats, and they deserve care not condemnation.

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Cat welfare is a priority and humane management practices need to be supported including: - The legalisation of TNR Programs, and support for the rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Implementation of funding support for rescuers that run desexing programs. - Ways to take assertive action with cat hoarding without punishing the cats. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges.

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I am in support of the curfew. The life of our native animals is in danger. Irresponsible cat owners and those who refuse to face reality would rather our native animals go extinct instead of being responsible and halting their free roaming. I cannot stand by while Australia loses what makes it unique. Please bring this into legislation.

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Name: Name suppressed

Curfew essential. Cats found outside at night are euthanised. Stray cats are euthanised. The reality is cats at night are killing 1000s of animals and so a humane euthanasia of cats prevents the senseless killing of birds, lizards and other wildlife native to Australia. Have people employed for the removal of stray cats and dogs.

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Name: Name suppressed

I own an indoor cat. She is Desexed and has no diseases. There is only one action to do. Enforce indoor cats only. Fines if found outside. I rescue koalas. Keep domestic cats domestic bound. Ban pet shops and breeders unless they have legal documents signing the pets owner to legally agree to indoor life for the lifetime of their cat. Every legal cat sold is sold DESEXED. Not done, more fines.

Short Submission
No 885

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Name: Name suppressed

De sexing Male cats to start and see if this solves the problem

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Name: Name suppressed

I was alerted to this inquiry via a Facebook post from the cat rescue organisation The Mini Kitty Commune (Sydney), of which I am a regular sponsor. I have attached a copy of that FB post. I agree with their sentiments. Through that FB post, I was also alerted to a position paper by the RSPCA (attached to this submission). I also agree with the RSPCA's position. I believe 24/7 containment is detrimental to most cats' physical and mental health. However, I believe a night time curfew may be reasonable. If a mandatory containment rule is enacted for domestic cats, I believe that a lot of cats may be dumped or surrendered by people who cannot afford to abide by the rules, due to financial hardship (cost / difficulty of building cat barriers) or other issues. This will be a major stressor for cat rescue organisations, pounds etc and end up with the killing of large numbers of healthy cats. My other major concern is that indoor-only cats that escape their home accidentally may be harmed or killed by cat haters instead of being surrendered to a vet or pound for proper processing, using the mandatory confinement law as an excuse to harm cats found outside. Thank you for your consideration of this submission. (I own one indoor-only cat.)

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Please introduce free desexing for all rescues to help them reduce and rehome the amount of strays. Over a couple of years this could solve the problem without cruelty. Every animal deserves to be treated with kindness and compassion and it's the humans who should be fined. Also cats should be allowed to roam, they are animals! When did the human race become so entitled!

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I believe there are many options to improve the situation involving cats. Given the right opportunity and structure many changes could be made to reduce numbers humanely, such as educational campaigns or desexing programs. Reducing the number of homeless cats. Having personally seen the results of several TNR programme's reducing numbers of stray cats effectively. With that and the work of rescue groups there is the ability to help this situation. If funding was provided to assist the many rescue groups, working together will effectively fix this situation.

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We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education can make a difference. Every living thing in this world has to struggle to survive, and cats are the same. Even cats on the street love themselves and fear death just like humans. If we still want to live, why do cats have to die???. A 1 cat's life should not be any different from a 1 human life. Cats are very useful in the environment. Everything God created has a reason. Don't underestimate it. Thank you.

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Please take the time to consider humane ways to manage cat populations. Many are dumped and suffer terrible cruelty but management of colonies is possible and better still more stringent controls on back yard breeding. Cats should not suffer from human neglect and incompetence. TNR programmes, more funding to rescues and shelters for stray/ abandoned animals. The focus should be on the humans and their poor behaviour.

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1. establishing cats desexing vouchers for ALL households 2. mandatory curfews for outdoor cats in all areas 3. improving pet owners 'awareness of their responsibilities to contain cats in rental & strata 4. mandating all cats to wear a collar and bells to frighten other animals

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Living in Western Australia and being saddened by the amount of wildlife I see killed by domestic roaming cats, I decided when I got my own cat to keep it completely contained to my property whether indoors or in a cat run or with secure oscillating-style fencing. Roaming cats can and do kill native wildlife, cause traffic accidents, get lost or stolen, have unwanted litters, get into fights and contract FIV, and cause a neighbourhood nuisance by toileting in neighbours yards. It is not expensive nor difficult to contain your pet cat. Subsidies should be made available, but even using second hand or donated materials is affordable. In WA the vast majority of animal rescue groups require adopted cats to be contained to the property, and these rescue groups are on the front line of witnessing and dealing with destruction and heartache caused by roaming cats. Cat owners should not absolve themselves of their responsibility to be a responsible pet owner.

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Name: Name suppressed

Hello, I am in total agreement with your proposals. In my street there are three cats from a residence that are allowed to wander around at night. I hear them attacking birds and other wildlife such as lizards. I also live near bushland and see feral cats wandering. It is a high concern.

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Finding is require and personal for large scale desex programs for both homed and street cats.
Rescues need funding to be able to take unwanted cats and kittens for rehoming

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Cat populations are only rising due to the lack of funding put into local councils for desexing programs by State Government. Cats pose for less risk to wildlife than land clearing, roads and climate change. Better education and information for owners to keep pet cats inside has not been utilised by councils, state or federal governments. Using dangerous, toxic and damaging poisons like 1080- are not the solution!!! Free dexeing is! Shelters and rehoming services need funding as they are full and struggling to keep up with demands of people surrendering their pets due to the housing and financial crisis. Prevention is more important to focus on rather than a solution to a problem not being addressed!! DESEXING PROGRAMS IS CRITICAL TO END THE CURRENT OVER POPULATION CRISIS

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I am very concerned about the cat curfew and how it will be introduced. There is a risk that pounds and shelters would be overloaded with subsequent large scale euthanasias and encourage cruelty towards cats. Control of cat populations should include : - Expanding Trap Neuter Release Programs, including financial support for rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Control cat hoarding behaviours. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges.

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I have been involved in community cat programs for many years and from my experience the things that make the ONLY improvement to cat populations is desexing programs and education programs. Just killing cats wont make any difference, because for every one you kill there will be 10 more there tomorrow if there is no TNR, desexing or education program in place. This situation must be managed intelligently and proactively - not reactively!

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As a veterinarian I write with a priority for animal welfare. I am exposed repeatedly to the negative impact of roaming cats, treating native wildlife and the cats themselves. When examining cats it is regular for veterinarians to see cat fight wounds and abscesses, eye trauma sometimes necessitating enucleation, fractures and massive trauma resulting from vehicle strikes and dog attacks, snake and tick envenomation, and communicable diseases, such as FIV, which are all over-represented in cats that are allowed to wander. Wildlife presented with cat attack wounds will frequently require extensive treatment at the cost of the clinic, often in the clinician's own time, with this responsibility and burden then passed on to wildlife carers. For many others euthanasia will be the only viable option to preserve welfare. These situations put further pressure on the already over-burdened veterinary workforce, in which national staffing shortages and a mental health crisis persist. The burden extends to the pet owners suffering the financial and emotional impact of injured and ill cats. Mandatory containment of cats would go a long way to reduce these issues, and can be enacted in a way that will not reduce enrichment and stimulation in the cats' lives, while promoting further engagement with pet owners and honouring the human-animal bond.

Short Submission
No 899

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

Compulsory registrations of cats, and part of that registration should offer free desexing. Also curfew between 8pm and 7am.

Short Submission
No 900

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

Even a simple statement like: We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education,

Short Submission
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Introduce laws that prevent pet owners from being refused a rental property opportunity due to owning pets; pets should not be the reason why people are refused a roof over their head & forcing them to make the heartbreaking choice to abandon a family pet because of that

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Provide pamphlets/info on why cats should be indoor cats. If residents cannot make a complete shift to this then encourage cat owners to at least bring their cats in at night (which is when they often hunt/ are at an increased danger of being hit by cars/ getting into territorial fights with feral cats)

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Name: Name suppressed

I am an individual resident of NSW who has previously contacted the Office of Local Government to request changes to the legislation which prevent local councils making decisions about the management of cats in their LGA. I believe the damage done to native bird and animal numbers caused by both domestic and feral cats or strays is enough to warrant a change in the way cats and their owners are managed at a federal, state and local level. Add to that the fact cats can wander into the private properties of non-cat owners, defecate in gardens potentially spreading diseases, spray urine on doors and other areas of the home creating unpleasant odours and the spreading of fleas by untreated cats and there are obviously many reasons why more restrictions need to be put in place around the ownership of cats to match the amount of regulations managing and restricting dog owners. Cats can be provided with enclosures that are comfortable and allow safe access to the outdoors without the risk of the negative outcomes listed above. The restriction of cats to their own property will not have significant impact on the cat's welfare as I have witnessed through knowing several people with multiple cats who remain indoors and are very healthy, happy cats. Please consider changing the regulations around cat ownership to prevent further damage to our unique and beautiful fauna.

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Overseas research carried out by tracking animals found that the cats didn't lower the native population any where as much as previously thought. They prefer, however, to catch easy prey like rats and mice. If cats are not allowed out so much, the vermin population will skyrocket. This is not something that people have planned for.

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I would like to suggest that in order to reduce the number of feral cats and abandoned cats that the Federal Government legislate that there is minimal if not free desexing of all cats that are not under registered breeders . This over a period of 10 years would rapidly reduce the population of unwanted animals and the impact on the environment

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A household should not be allowed to get a new cat unless they have a fully contained cat run and the cat must not be allowed to roam outside of the home or cat run. A curfew should be introduced for all cats. Cats in public places, including parks and reserves, should be eradicated.

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Support needs to be provided for the rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. Rescuers are a crucial part to resolve the problem of cat colonies. There has to be funding support for rescuers that run de-sexing programs. Actions needs to be taken cat hoarding without punishing the cats. Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges. Subsidised and free cat de-sexing needs to be offered on a regular basis for all, not only for low income earners. Campaigns need to be run to reach the population

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The vilification of cats or any animal can be a sign of mental instability. For the protection of humans all those who call for harming an animal should receive a psychological test in case they are a sociopath or a psychopath. Afterall while not all people who are cruel to animals become serial killers. All serial killers start out being cruel to animals and progressing from there. Call on governments, both local and state, to enforce CURRENT laws by funding more law enforcement rangers. Use the money NSW was intending to spend on this project!

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Cats kill millions of native species and have made 30 species extinct. Dedicated hunters are needed to reduce the cat population. This needs ongoing funding in perpetuity.

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Introduced mandatory desexing for all cat owners, banned all backyard breeders, subsidised desexing for low income households and funding for local community cat rescue groups to perform trap, neuter and release/rehomed. There are many studies overseas that demonstrates the positive of TNR.1 where the cats stay within the colony area once desexed and having a regular food source. While I advocate for cats to be kept indoors, having a cat curfew would endanger homeless/community/lost/abandoned cats' wellbeing especially if the council is looking to cull community cats if found out at night. Also abolishing the lifetime registration fee, as this discourage people from registering their cats. Allowing tenants to keep pets in exchange for a higher bond.

Short Submission
No 914

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

We must support humane management practices for cats, including desexing and education.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

We do not often see cats but their movements are captured on our motion sensor cameras and I have had the unfortunate job of cleaning up their kills. We have at least 7 different cats visiting our yard regularly which are very active during the night. I am not sure how many of these cats have owners and homes and how many are strays. These cats constantly mark their territory throughout our garden (and on our doormat!) and stalk birds. At least one of these cats has had kittens this year which are now starting to explore independently. I know that some council areas have cat traps that can be borrowed and then the cat is collected by a ranger. This may be something Ryde Council can consider. I would also wholeheartedly support a cat curfew or a requirement that cats remain within the boundaries of their owner's property.

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Cats not contained leave mess, kill native animals And are a nuisance, all pets should be contained in a yard or house. We are loosing native birds all the time to cats left out at night to prowl, cats should be under the same laws as dogs.

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Name: Name suppressed

1. Free desexing services for all cat owners by NSW government. 2. Raise awareness about the importance of cat desexing in communities. 3. Provide funding and resources to no-kill rescues that operate desexing programs. 4. Implementing TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) programs through legislation to manage and reduce stray cat populations. 5. Protect our existing, well managed colonies with TNR 6. Stricter regulations on cat breeding to prevent overpopulation. 7. Pet ownership responsibilities: mandatory desexing, microchipping and registration of cats, and proper desexing 8. Collaboration between local councils, veterinarians, and rescue groups to address cat overpopulation.

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Cats have become an important part of our domestic lives and I think they play a pivotal role in homelives. I do think that roaming cats are an issue an cause endless distraction to biodiversity but the measures used or proposed are cruel, inhumane and unnecessary. I believe we need to give power back to rescue groups such as the cat protection society and colony cat rescue groups to trap and release cats or rehome where possible. The greater issue is the lax attitude the population and the government has on keeping cats. There need to be strict and monitored laws regarding keeping cats contained in the home or a secure enclosure. All cats should be desexed and a crackdown on breeding and rehoming practices needs to be implemented. Australia sadly has a habit of using outdated and inhumane measure of population control for animals instead of dealing with the root of an issue. Stop using these bandaid methods and start doing what is right which is holding the humans accountable.

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Name: Name suppressed

I am distraught knowing that there are proposed changes to the treatment of cats and kittens that are on the street. They are not feral ; they are lost or dumped or homeless. These homeless pets must be given a chance to be rescued or allowed to be supported in the community as a part of trap, neuter release programs that have proven to be immensely effective in many communities in NSW. Please do not allow the proposal to be passed by parliament.

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Truly important work to take care of and minimise the stray and pet cat populations is currently being done entirely out of pocket by volunteers who are stretched as thin as they can be. Everyone is completely overwhelmed trying to care for and rehome cats. They need funding programs to be implemented so that they can keep doing this valuable work. These groups are also running the most humane and effective programs to limit stray colonies by using donations to run trap neuter return programs. They need funding and support to keep doing this work. All domesticated animals are owed kindness, care and humane treatment. We as humans created them and thus it is our responsibility to treat them fairly.

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats and kittens must be treated with kindness not cruelty. A cat that lives on the street does not make it feral. They must be treated with kindness, desexed and homes or foster homes found for them.

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We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Too many people cannot afford to desex their cat as they are not offered cheaper desexing like pensioners or live in an area where the council offers cheap desexing at certain times. Sometimes the council offerings are not advertised enough to bring it to people's attention also. We also have the problem of pet owners who rent not being able to bring their pet with them & as rescues, RSPCA, AWL are all at capacity these poor animals are dumped (undesexed). There are so many groups/people feeding these poor cats & their inevitable kittens so they do not seek to kill birds etc to survive. I constantly see on FB rescue sites aged people going into care with no family to look after their cat & nowhere for them to go so they're left behind. Cats face uncertain futures every day, from lack of shelter to the dangers of life on the streets. Cats play an important role in so many people's lives, bringing companionship, joy and purpose to those who care for them. We need to do more to educate people & make desexing affordable to everyone.

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Name: Name suppressed

Vouchers for desexing cats to low income households Cat indoors policy- daytime roaming cats do harm to our native animals as well as during the night. Support with outdoor enclosures for low income owners Community awareness programmes Hefty fines for owners of roaming cats

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Name: Name suppressed

Focus needs to be on making the desexing of cats compulsory, accessible and inexpensive. Particularly in rural areas, where native wildlife is under threat from cats. Indoor cat containment of pet cats from dawn to dusk, or 9pm in winter is also a good idea. TDR of supported urban street cats is also necessary. These cats are contributors to the feline population explosion through no fault of their own. Most are abandoned cats or their descendants. Street cats who are sick or injured can be humanely trapped and euthanised. RSPCA have proven themselves completely inadequate to deal with this, although their CAWS program could be a useful model for programs for rural councils. The AWL desexing voucher program is effective and relatively low cost. The DIVA program of CPS is a good model too.

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Name: Name suppressed

I'm a cat owner but I acknowledge that cats do immense damage to the environment by killing all manner of native animals. I feel very strongly that all cat owners (except registered breeders) should be required to desex their cat, so that it doesn't breed with other cats, thus increasing the cat population. Perhaps registered breeders could be given a small subsidy for every desexed cat they sell. I agree with the idea to subsidise poorer families to help them with the cost of desexing their pet cat. More education (eg. Summaries of Biological studies showing statistics on predation rates from domestic and stray cats), around the damage that cats can do would also help cat owners to realise the damage their cats can do if allowed outside. I would also support a night time cat curfew and propose government funding to councils to help them organise monitoring and administration of the curfew: perhaps trapping of cats could be carried out on a rotational area basis and owners of any trapped microchipped cats could be made to pay a fine to retrieve their cat from the pound. This fine could be gradually increased every time the same cat is trapped at night. Unclaimed microchipped cats could be re-homed where possible and unregistered cats should be euthanised to keep strays off the streets at night.

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Name: Name suppressed

It is human beings who must make, legislate, practise, and enforce responsible and ethical policies regarding cats which they seek to breed and/or keep as pets, for the welfare of cats and of other species upon whom they predate. Cruelty to and slaughter of cats by poisoning or shooting because of the irresponsibility or neglect of the humans who breed, purchase, or keep them is unconscionable and inexcusable. There needs to be a complete ban on the sale of kittens by breeders, in pet shops, and online, as well as kitten farms. There are countless animals in shelters et al needing homes who will be put down if they don't receive them. There should be increased funding given to such adoption groups and shelters. Mandatory microchipping needs to continue. There must be strong education given to the public regarding the importance of desexing cats as soon as possible, at-home confinement, fostering, and adoption. Cat confinement laws should be enforced 24/7. The government should fund desexing programmes. Only in cases where it is absolutely necessary, should euthanasia and NOT abhorrent, cruel methods causing pain be used.

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Vouchers for desexing is an excellent idea as well as curfews for outdoor cats. However, we need to ensure that community members adhere to the new policies so I guess there needs to be penalties imposed for non compliance (or some form of deterrent) Otherwise, the minority who don't participate for the betterment of all, will spoil any well meaning initiative. It has to be a collective arrangement if we want a successful outcome (& that could pose difficulties) Unfortunately, selfishness is a common human trait.

Short Submission
No 928

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Please be sensible and do not be cruel. It is not the animals fault. Pls make deserting cheaper as well for those who can't afford it

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Name: Name suppressed

I am shocked by the numbers of our precious nature fauna is impacted by free roaming cats and some other domestic pets. This predation is a sad reflection of our collective ignorance and lack of concern for local wildlife. Understanding and education about the impact of cats and other domestic animals should be necessary for any ownership of pets. A commitment to ensuring control and confining cats, particularly at night must be implemented for the protection of the wonderful array of birds, reptiles and other fauna we are graced with in our LGA and country.

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Name: Name suppressed

Please prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education” will make a difference (ref: AJP). What we need is: 1. Accessible and affordable (possibly free) desexing services for all cat owners by NSW government. 2. Raising awareness about the importance of cat desexing in communities. 3. Providing funding and resources to no-kill rescues that operate desexing programs. 4. Implementing TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) programs through legislation to manage and reduce stray cat populations. 5. Our existing, well managed colonies and how we need to protect them. 6. Stricter regulations on cat breeding to prevent overpopulation. 7. Pet ownership responsibilities: mandatory desexing, microchipping and registration of cats. 8. Collaboration between local councils, veterinarians, and rescue groups to address cat overpopulation. It's important cats are protect, both colonies and domesticated.

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Name: Name suppressed

Native wildlife should be protected. Cats should be culled or restrained. Domesticated cats and all animals are the responsibility of the owner. The owner should be fined for any wildlife death or injury.

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Name: Name suppressed

Definitely introduce cat curfews Reach out to those whose first language is not English and inform them of the risks cats pose to native wildlife. Stress the importance of keeping cats inside during night hours. Vouchers for low income cat owners to have cats de sexed and inform them why this is so important. In my strata building which backs onto Lane Cove national Park the cat owners have 24 hour INSIDE cats, owners accompanying pets for outside exercise. Maybe other strata could suggest this option to cat owners. I think strata buildings which are close to bushland should seriously consider introducing inside only cats. Our native wildlife should be prioritised above cat ownership. Limit number of cats per owner to one.

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats should be subject to the same restrictions as dogs, dogs are not allowed to wander the streets and bush, so why do cat owner think its ok to let their animal wander the neighborhood.

Short Submission
No 934

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We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

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Killing cats is not going to fix the problem. It has been proven overseas that trap neuter return is the best way to control cat populations. These colonies then have designated feeders who look after the cats and feed them regularly. Councils need to be more proactive with providing free desexing and making it cheaper to register. Most community cats have been dumped, they have not been desexed by residents and then produce more and more. These cats are not feral, they were once owned by people but because of the housing shortage and other reasons they have not been able to be rehomed and are just dumped. I think whenever a cat is taken to a vet and it is discovered that it is still intact it should be law that the Vet desexes the cat. Only a breeder who can prove that they are licensed can have animals that are intact. The law should also change that cats are not allowed to roam, then people would need to keep them inside. But giving the okay to kill any cat found outside is not okay as all the cat haters will come out and kill indiscriminately.

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Name: Name suppressed

Submission: Legislative Council Inquiry into management of cat populations in NSW I have been a resident of the Blue Mountains for almost forty years and am aware of the destructive impact of free roaming domestic cats on wildlife in the National Park and World Heritage Area as well as in the residential areas. Cat containment has long been advocated by BM City Council but it has no ways to enforce this so I think it is high time the NSW Companion Animal Act and Coding of Practice is amended so NSW Councils can develop policies the same as most other states. 24/7 cat containment is beneficial to the health and safety of the pets as well as the native wildlife. A NSW government grants program would be needed to support local Councils to implement cat management policies. Education and assistance to cat owners should include, identification and registration, and mandatory desexing before the age of 4 months. I recommend strict regulation of cat breeders to prevent oversupply leading to cat welfare issues. I support eradication of feral cats by trapping and euthanising. Action is urgently needed to begin dealing with this major invasive species problem. Thank you for this Inquiry. I hope it leads to radical change.

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Name: Name suppressed

Fund cat rescue places so they can desex stray cats free and help support people who find strays. My friend has had to pay for many strays to be desexed, and look after cats that he doesn't have time or money for. The few shouldn't be doing the work for the whole community.

Short Submission
No 938

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritize cat welfare and support humane management practices . Including desexing.

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Name: Name suppressed

1. Legalise TNR. 2. Free desexing of street cats by community members - this alone will have a big impact on the number of stray/dumped/deserted cats. . 3. Ban the use of the term 'invasive species' of cats. This has created so much hostility towards cats. 4. Ban breeding and increase education on de-sexing cats and the benefits of doing so. 5.. Harsher punishment for animal abuse especially torture. 6. Pet friendly rental bill. 7. Ban cats being given away for free on Gumtree, etc.

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Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education as well as fare treatment and care to these animals.

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“We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education,” can make a difference.. People who give away cats free undesexed should be front and centre. People are the ones who have caused this to happen yet the government does nothing. Social housing is an area that has high levels of animals dumped or allowed to breed because they do not de- sex them. If you do not help with this problem it just keeps getting worse. Deal with the humans and then you won’t have ongoing issues.

Short Submission
No 942

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Name: Name suppressed

I wish it to be known that I believe it's time to quickly put an end to breeding kittens for sale and for research. Time to stop it is now. Thanks Joanne

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Name: Name suppressed

This is not the answer to keeping these cats safe or off the streets. There are much better ways to help these unfortunate animals. This plan is cruel and should be DROPPED ☐ we are not living in the dark ages and our government needs to do better 🙄 mind you after the behaviour and actions our government took towards the people during CONVID 19 🤬👹🙄 IM NOT HOLDING MY BREATH 🙄😞 IF THEY CAN TREAT THE PEOPLE LIKE LIVE STOCK 🤬👹🙄 WHAT HOPE DO OUR ANIMAL'S HAVE 🙄🙄 YOUR ALL CRIMINALS AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, JUST FILLING YOUR POCKETS AND NOT GIVING TOO HOOTS ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR ACTIONS 🙄👹

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Name: Name suppressed

Having lived in outer suburban Melbourne for 20 years prior to returning to NSW 5 years ago, I was surprised to find there was no regulation of domestic cats and so many roam outdoors. In the Mornington shire in Melbourne we were required to keep all cats indoors or in a catproof enclosure/yard to protect native animals. I find it quite incredible that cat owners in NSW cannot take responsibility for their animals and keep their cats indoors or in enclosed areas rather than let them roam. Outdoor cats are also at constant risk of being killed by traffic and obviously are a major predator of native animals & birds.

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We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

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Name: Name suppressed

Poor ownership is the main factor. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Tis NOT the cats fault, people love the kittens but they grow up and then some ignorant owners just dump them and they then need to rely on their inbuilt survival instincts. Make microchipping law, so when caught in the wild come down heavily on the owners.

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Name: Name suppressed

Put the onus on the owners. Make microchipping law, so if dumped by unscrupulous people make them pay via a fine.

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Name: Name suppressed

To the Parliament of NSW, Regarding the Cat Curfews and Containment Bill Please expand the brief beyond curfews and into other important areas of community: - The legalisation of Trap, Neuter and Release or Rehome Programs, and support for rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Implementation of funding support for rescuers that run desexing programs. - Ways to take assertive action with cat hoarding without punishing the cats. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

I strongly endorse the NSW government providing desexing vouchers for both cats & dogs, to be available for low income households. I believe that this will decrease native wildlife losses, improve quality of life for domestic pets & assist low income families at this time of stress.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

I believe that cats should be indoor at all times, my cats have always been kept in. But the fact that others do not believe this does not mean that people who hate cats should be allowed to harm or relocate their neighbour's cats. The laws should be specific about the punishment for these dreadful creatures, a severe fine, not just a few dollars, make it real. Allow all tenants to be able to keep cats, and insist that they stay inside. Keep a watch on the real estate agents who make their own rules- I was told by one agent that she didn't know how I had been allowed to keep a cat as "we have a 100% no pets rule", despite that not being a part of law. She then tossed me out of the place. I was glad to be away from them, they were dreadful and so were the owners of the property, but for different reasons.

Short Submission
No 951

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

Please prioritise cat welfare by supporting, funding, and encouraging human management practises such as TNR (trap, neuter, release) programs, desexing, and education.

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Compassionate and Humane Solutions for Animal Welfare Reject Cruelty: Culling is inhumane, ineffective, and unacceptable in a compassionate society. Respect for Cats: Cats are beloved members of our families and communities, and their welfare must be safeguarded. Humane Solutions: I support Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR), re-homing efforts, subsidized neutering programs, and community-supported cat colonies as effective, humane alternatives to control populations and reduce stray issues. Free desexing: A more effective investment than building bigger pounds. Shared Responsibility: Human-caused problems must not be unfairly blamed on animals. Advocate for Rights: Responsible cat ownership should be respected, without arbitrary limits imposed on the care we provide. A Civilized Society: Compassion for animals reflects the values of a civilized and empathetic society. Let's work toward humane and effective animal welfare policies that respect all sentient beings.

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I am very concerned about the cat curfew and how it will be introduced. There is a big risk that pounds and shelters would be overloaded with subsequent large scale euthanasias and encourage cruelty towards cats. Control of cat populations should include - Controlling breeders - Backyard breeding stopped - All cats to be registered before leaving pound, breeder, shelter to a person car license so you can always find the owner if cat gets lost - Expanding Trap Neuter Release Programs, including financial support for rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Control cat hoarding behaviours. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that

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I have 2 cats they stay indoors. I am a wildlife rehabilitator , now for 15 years. Over that time, I have seen the injuries that cats have done to our wildlife . This morning I rescued an ringtail possum that had been attacked by a cat. The possum was still alive barely. It was dying from the stress of the attack. The person who called in the rescue had lived in the building for around a year and said this is the 4th possum found in the yard. The other 3 had already died. The worst attack on a large adult mum ringtail was seeing the pouch area empty and the mum had her eye pierced through to the brain. If cats were kept inside , at the night at the very least many attacks would stop..birds are attacked during the day. There are just too many unnecessary cat attacks on our wildlife. I really hope that a curfew for cats , keeping indoors after sunset.

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Time for change for cats and their rescuers . NOW.

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Mass killings of cats is cruel and inhumane. There are no known studies to suggest this would even “solve” the problem. What can help control the colonies and street cats would 1. Be stricter laws and convictions for those who do not desex their cats 2. Law against back yard breeding 3. Educating 4. Mass desex days 5. Funding for rescues Why would you spend millions of dollars murdering these poor, defenceless cats when it is humans to blame for the issue in the first place? If you put your time, effort and money into the points I have made above, you would find that cats and humans could both live in more peace.

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Cats contribute to mental vitality and emotional stability, they are the very core of our family. Cats need to not be over bred and be in a safe and caring environment. This needs to be in an humane manner

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Please consider that there are many well managed colonies in NSW that are little or no risk to wildlife - they are fed and managed by rescue groups. These groups need to be funded to provide trap-neuter- release programs or to rehome cats where possible. It should also be possible for rescue groups to take stray cats and not just surrender cats. At the moment strays can only go to pounds which is limiting in the ability to rescue and rehome strays. Mandates on desexing should exist and stronger controls on backyard breeders. Cats are not the enemy here - poor people behaviour is the problem.

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I strongly disagree with the killing of cats to protect wildlife which hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. These initiatives also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved. A NSW Government-commissioned report supports large-scale desexing programs instead, showing that killing programs are ineffective. Wildlife rescue data shows that cats aren't the primary risk to many threatened species. Key threats include habitat loss, vehicle collisions and dog attacks. It's easy just to blame cats than to look at the real problem and that is human destruction like deforestation, clearing land for farming and urban sprawl which is wiping out habitats for native wildlife. Demonising cats can also encourage harmful actions leading to unchecked cruelty, as there's often little oversight on trapping practices or what happens to the cats afterward. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education," can make a difference. Cruelty is not the answer.

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The government must provide humane practices when it comes to these animals. As I see it, humans are to blame. Unregulated backyard breeding, no desexing requirements etc. Baiting these animals leads to death of not just cats, a lot of our native protected wildlife are killed every year due to baiting. It's a slow and painful death.. Mass killings of these animals will not fix the issue as cats that are not desexed will continue to breed and the cycle starts again. I urge the government not to take the easy way out, quick fixes are not a permanent solution.

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I think, desexing vouchers are a great idea, but information about desexing, including out of pocket costs and health benefits for cats should be provided in multiple community languages. Many people in community believe that desexing cats shorten their lives while in fact it's the opposite. Also, the information about the benefits of indoor life for urban cats should be provided. Again, there are popular beliefs that cats need to roam outdoors to be happy, while it's not really the case. You can make your cat happy indoors without any risks and diseases of outdoor life. It sad to see people abandoning their pets because of landlord demands. This is how we got our first cat, she was abandoned by the previous owner after a landlord discovered her. Tenants should be allowed to have pets by law, but I also support mandatory pet registration and better checks to ensure that people can look after their pets.

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I am writing to express my concern about the significant impact that domestic and feral cats are having on Australia's native wildlife. As an avid nature enthusiast I have heard of the decline in local bird and small mammal populations, which I believe is largely due to predation by cats. Research indicates that cats kill millions of native animals each year in Australia, posing a severe threat to biodiversity. According to a study by the Australian Wildlife Conservancy, cats are responsible for the deaths of over 1 million birds and 1.7 million reptiles daily across the country. To address this issue, I propose the following actions: 1. Implementing stricter regulations on cat ownership, including mandatory desexing and microchipping and also 24/7 cat containment in a cat enclosure. 2. Launching public education campaigns to raise awareness about the impact of cats on wildlife and promote responsible pet ownership. 3. Supporting and funding conservation programs aimed at protecting vulnerable species and their habitats. I urge you to consider these recommendations and take decisive action to mitigate the impact of cats on Australia's wildlife. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. Sincerely

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I love my 3 Rescue cats, they've changed my life for the better in so many ways. They've helped me to be braver, more compassionate, to have more empathy for all life on Earth, to stand up and be counted - I count! The ancient Egyptians worshiped cats, they recognised their worth. Animal welfare ties in with human welfare, we're all in this together! Is life worthless? If we don't show respect and care for animals that humans brought to this place, then we have our heads buried in the sand, not wanting to face what we are responsible for, and that in turn sets a precedent for how we treat each other. It really is time to appreciate the gifts of life. Instead of destroying their lives, manage better the desexing, EDUCATION - animals are not toys, they are not less than us, defenceless yes, against the ignorance and cruelty of humans. When will we learn, what we do to others will in turn be done to us... We have so much to learn, we need to CARE for each other, ALL others!

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As a cat owner, I urge the New South Wales government to consider the following preventive measures to reduce cat populations:

- * A ban on the sale of animals by breeders, in pet stores, and online
- * A ban on kitten farms
- * The enforcement of 24/7 cat confinement laws
- * Continuation of mandatory microchipping
- * Increased public education about the importance of cat desexing, at-home confinement (including environmental enrichment), fostering, and adoption
- * Increased state government funding of adoption groups and shelters to better house impounded animals and enhance rehoming efforts
- * Government funding of desexing programmes
- * In cases where it is necessary, euthanasia – and an end to cruel, inaccurate lethal methods such as shooting and poisoning

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Cats are loving intelligent animals that deserve to be treated humanly. Strict prosecution needs to be in place against people that dump animals and don't desex their animals. Cats are a victim of horrible people and it's the people that should pay for it. Use the money to put into desexing programs. Stop allowing animals to be brought (unless adopting), spend money shutting down and prosecuting people that allow cats to breed them sell the kittens for their next drug hit (happens all the time where i live). Like the rest of us, cats are just trying to survive and many are frightened and confused why they have ended up without the humans who promised to look after them.

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I support the ideas you are proposing. I get up with cats and love them (can't afford to have one now) but i also care about protecting wildlife. Discount vouchers for desexing is a great idea and i think curfews are reasonable. It would help to greatly increase funding to animal shelters, maybe enough so they can go and retrieve reported strays. One thing I have noticed, some people with indoor cats like to do the right thing and take them for walks on a leash. But dogs are often not on a leash and this puts cats who are at risk of being attacked. I think greater enforcement of dog owner laws would help.

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Please prioritize cat welfare in your policies and take a wholistic approach to the problem. This includes dealing with breeders and petshops who are allowed to profit from flooding an already saturated market with undesexed animals. Shut down breeding, make it illegal to sell undesexed pets and support the numerous, dedicated and hard working rescue groups that are currently trying to clean up the mess. Fund low cost desexing and TNR programs. Do not target well managed urban colonies - you will only break the hearts of the kind people who are already doing more than their fair share to manage the overpopulation crisis. Rescue groups are your partners, not your enemies in this. Arm them with the tools to make a difference, they are a huge asset and frankly, they have been trying to solve this problem for far longer than the government.

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I support the motion that cats should be kept indoors or in specifically created areas ('catios'), where they can't roam and hurt wildlife. Thank you

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Humans are responsible for cat problem. Say NO to pet shops, breeders and on line sales. All animals MUST be desexed and microchipped. The penalty for failure to do so must be severe. Do not even consider such vile methods of control of cat populations as poisoning and shooting. This only encourages more cruelty. Humans must be taught that care of a cat is for life! If cats are not cared for properly then the punishment for neglect must be extremely harsh, both financially and jail if called for. I am an old girl and have spent my life caring for the abused and crippled with NO help from government, only my vets. Time for government to step up and protect the cats from human neglect.

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Emotions of the ignorant general public do not trump facts. Cats are an invasive ecological nightmare. Will we really ignore good science that proves without a doubt that cats are a blight on our ecosystem just to spare the emotions of a bunch of lazy, ignorant sooks that want a pet that they don't want to have to actually provide care for? Cats should be contained. It's that simple. Our wildlife has more right to life than these pests, and make no mistake, they are pests.

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TNR programs need to be implemented and supported. There is far too much hate towards cats for unnecessary reasons. People will take advantage of controlling cat environments start killing them all without consequences, no matter where the cat is from. Start controlling and caring for colonies in a safe and healthy manner that reduces stray cats long term. But does not harm them. Cruelty is not a solution. Ever.

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All cats should be banned from anywhere other than the address of their owners. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the cats are contained. The destruction of wildlife is a priority as well as the safety and rights of people who are not cat owners. The rules that apply to dogs should be applied to cats.

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We have to prioritise the welfare of cats in our country and opt for humane control and management practices such as mandatory desexing, free desexing clinics for stray cats and rescues and mandatory law for all owners to keep their cats indoors or on a leash to protect cats and the local wildlife.

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For pet cats: Mandatory micro chip and desex with curfew (for example between 9pm to 9am all cats should be kept inside the houses). Hopefully all cats should be kept within the owners property all the time. Government might need to charge penalties against offenders. All homeless cats should be neutered to avoid more homeless cats and try the best effort to coexist with stray animals with kind hearts

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Cats have been unfairly demonized in this country and state for years. The rhetoric around feral cats is appalling and does not address the issues around cat neutering and animal dumping by pet owners who have never faced harsher penalties for this level of animal abuse. The government blames dwindling native animal populations solely at the feet of cats without any acknowledgment of land clearing, deforestation, over development and blatant disregard and inaction for years on climate change causing weather patterns to change significantly in Australia and NSW. The continued demonization of cats only serves the purpose of deflecting from these other issues and provides clickbait for media outlets by political parties. The dialogue needs to change and the vile rhetoric towards cats needs to change.

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What is needed is humane cat management including desexing programs, and public education on cat containment and spaying.

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To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to propose the implementation of mandatory containment and desexing policies for domestic cats across New South Wales. These measures aim to protect wildlife, improve public health, and ensure the well-being of cats and their communities.

1. Mandatory Cat Containment: Enforcing containment policies for domestic cats will significantly reduce their impact on local wildlife. This measure is essential to protect native species and maintain biodiversity. Containment can also prevent cats from becoming lost, injured, or causing disturbances in the community. Examples of effective containment methods include keeping cats indoors or within enclosed outdoor areas like catios.

2. Mandatory Desexing: Introducing a regulation that requires all domestic cats to be desexed by a certain age will help control the stray and feral cat population. Desexing not only reduces the number of unwanted kittens but also benefits the cats' health and behavior. We recommend setting the mandatory desexing age at six months, with exceptions for registered breeders.

Benefits of These Policies:

- Environmental Protection: Reducing the predation of native wildlife by domestic cats.
- Public Health and Safety: Minimising the spread of diseases and reducing the risk of cat-related injuries.
- Animal Welfare: Decreasing the number of unwanted and abandoned cats, leading to better care for existing pets.

I urge the NSW Government to consider these measures and take action to implement mandatory cat containment and desexing policies. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

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Cruelty should not be an option. No animal chose to be dumped by mindless people whether through a change of circumstance, neglect etc. They are a life, with heart and soul and deserve more respect than the moron who dumped them. The biggest problem is cost and incentive to deserve all cats and dogs. Education falls short, because, again the moron who dumped whoever, knows the animal can't report them as well as having no rights. I, like many others, have taken in a rescue cat, who was to be euthanased, and he has become my best companion and it works both ways. Companion animals are a necessity to many people. Curfews, education, desexing programs and incentives are a good place to start.

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There are better and more effective methods of dealing with cat colonies than curfews. Responsible owners already keep their cats indoors and under supervision. Curfews will only embolden cat haters to exact revenge against colony cats. Colony cats are a byproduct of irresponsible pet ownership from lack of desexing, and dumping of pets because they're no longer wanted. These cats should be trapped and neutered to prevent growing the colony and then rehabilitated and rehomed. The NSW Government would do better by properly funding community groups and rehoming organisations to continue their work to look after these cats and find loving homes for them. I would also strongly recommend community education programs on the benefits of desexing animals, and encourage more landlords to allow Tennant's to keep their pets when renting as many people advise they have to get rid of their pets because they're not allowed to keep them. This puts additional strain on animal shelters and community programs.

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A cat curfew is not the answer. While I have indoor cats, escaping is always a possibility and when cats escape it's not as easy to find them than it is with a dog. If there is no protections for such unavoidable occurrences such as legal protections against civilians taking this it mean that if they found a cat out after curfew they can 'take care of it' and assurances that any caught cats will be checked for microchips and returned to owners if found. Time and money would be better spent on catch, spay and release programs and better support for shelters, vets and colony feeding programs to help them with spaying and care.

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Don't demonise cats and encourage vigilantes who think torture of cats is ok because *it's night time*. If you want to control the population, use trap/neuter/release instead.

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There is indeed a need to ensure policy for cat management, but this must seek to reduce harm and safeguard the welfare of all animals, including cats. Do not allow implementation of a stand alone cat curfew that will lead to further increase of cat populations in already struggling shelters and the mass euthanasia of these poor animals. Instead, please expand the brief to include measures in community beyond curfews including the legalisation and funding of trap, neuter, return (TNR) programs and support for rescuers who reduce colony sizes, and implementation of funding support for rescuers who that run desexing programs. Look at addressing the sources of problems, such as ways to take assertive action about cat hoarding that doesn't punish the cats, and provide community education, especially to areas that have drivers that bring population change.

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Wagga have lots of stray cats so would be great to help out with desexing

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Cats don't deserve to be controlled through these cruel ways. There are better means of controlling populations of cats through offering support to Trap Neuter and release also educating owners for responsible pet ownership and councils to provide support with subsidised desexing.

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I am not an academic and offer an observation only that brings distress to our neighborhood. Feral cats living in storm water drains as well as housed cats without neck bells, account for a significant number of possum and bird carcasses on our lawns most weeks. Listening to a cat kill a possum is sickening and a disturbingly protracted event. I would like to see laws that make bells around the necks of pet cats mandatory and better access to information about what residents can do in relation to feral cats, particularly those that live in the storm water drains

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It's a CAT CRISIS which has been going on in Nsw and in Australia for years! Much needed help is needed to support the cat community! * Trap neuter rehoming program funding * affordable desexing * funding for animal rescues to continue to support animals in need. * Reducing the cat population having a positive proactive plan put in place * changes to councils attitudes and actions towards the cat community We cannot continue like this. There is so much pain, suffering on the streets and unnecessary deaths on the streets. Please put end to this misery 🙏

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How difficult you make this to lodge submissions. You're encouraging animal cruelty!!! You're encouraging psychopaths!!! Why don't you step up and bring in free D sexing for all pets in fact, make it law that every pet has to be desexed and ban breeders completely. That will fix the problem. Not encouraging animal cruelty!!!

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All stray cats are to be desexed by the local vet where found free of charge & rehomed through a cat shelter

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I would just like to add my submission into the Enquiry on cats. We run 2 colonies that are fed daily and desexed with funds raised by our volunteers, and it has been proven by methods of TNR that the Only way that is successful in keeping numbers down Is to offer free or very cheap cat desexing, we have had only a decline in colony numbers over 7 years With no kittens born due to TNR Trap Neuter Return. We also use the wonderful AWL and RSPCA free or Low cost desexing vouchers. We have assisted the Community with over 600 cats desexed over the last 2 years, we find the majority of cat issues are from homeowners leaving cats behind. The majority of people Want kindness to cats, at the very least after being let down by humans by abandonment and starvation we can be Compassionate enough to show empathy to the suffering The cats receive at the hands of thoughtless humans. We pray you choose compassion on behalf of all the Many colony feeders, rescuers and cat lovers. Thank you

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Please ensure cats are given the rights and care they deserve. They are loving, loyal family pets and should be cared for in the best way possible,

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Cats are a pest, like possums, when you live on the bush! Our neighbours are constantly asked to put a bell on their cat & keep it indoors but it still roams & kills wildlife! We need harsher penalties for people allowing domestic pets to run wild in our native bush.

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Cats have mostly been vilified in Australia for as long as I can remember. Cats are highly intelligent and amazing animals, and I am sick of them being continually accused of killing wild life and ruining habitats. We humans lay waste to forest areas, when ever we feel like it , particularly concerning koalas, cull cruelly, pregnant kangaroos and brumbies and have no respect or feeling or of responsibility for other sentient beings who feel pain, grief, hunger, fear, extreme cold or heat and are seen as a nuisance or disposable. As someone once said "no country can be called weak, civilized until it treats animals as equally important " I have worked with various rescue organisations and by myself for at least 50 years and animal abuse and neglect never seems to stop. I have seen and nursed cats that have been kicked and have broken bones and/or internal bleeding, burnt, used for baiting dogs, tormented, and skin and bone, even while pregnant. the animal welfare laws need to mandate jail terms for any abuse or suffering instead of a slap on the wrist and letting the offender get more animals. If children were treated the way cats are, and animals generally , it wouldnt be allowed to happen.

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Cat welfare is a priority and humane management practices need to be supported including: - The legalisation of TNR Programs, and support for the rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Implementation of funding support for rescuers that run desexing programs. - Ways to take assertive action with cat hoarding without punishing the cats. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges.

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Please consider the welfare of all cats in your investigations including homeless cats and cat colonies. Please support assisted desexing for those without the means. Rescue groups and those who desex and release into cat colonies also need support. Please be careful of those who demonise cats and use any excuse for dreadful cruelty. Animal cruelty and welfare laws need strengthening consistent with community standards and expectations. Thank you

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The control of cat numbers in NSW should NOT involve poisoning or shooting. There needs to be a concerted effort to look after both feral and domesticated cats. Limiting the number of registered breeders would be a start. NSW does NOT need multiple breeders of Ragdoll or any other breed of cat. Numbers should be limited and a hefty licence fee imposed to stop backyard breeding. Monitoring breeders should be mandatory and kitten litters limited to a minimum. When you consider the amount of tax free money being made per litter it would make sense to audit breeders and have them taxed on their income. One litter alone can provide up to \$40,000 to a breeder. In the case of feral and stray cats, the issue is much more complex (however, numbers of abandoned cats may decrease over time if breeders are limited to litter numbers). Stray cats need to have subsidised costs for shelters to be able to provide and maintain their services such as access to subsidised food and medical supplies.

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I have 4 rescue cats (two are always indoors & two have limited supervised access outdoors only during the day). I wholeheartedly believe all cats should be desexed, microchipped, vaccinated & kept indoors where possible. I ensure my cats have access to fresh air & sunshine with two outdoor cat enclosures, as well as plenty of toys & climbing areas inside for mental stimulation. Cat ownership is a responsibility to be taken very seriously. I do not support breeding & would love for people to adopt rather than buy. As much as I love cats I understand they are an introduced species that do not belong in our country, however we should not punish them for the actions of humans. They have a very strong survival instinct & are just doing what comes naturally to them. Stop the breeding, desex, responsibly take care of the ones that are here & eventually the cat population will decrease. A lofty dream, I know, but one worth supporting.

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It's not the poor cats faults they ended up with irresponsible owners who didn't desex or care for them. No the whole problem is 100% people. Toughen the laws for these cruel humans and make them accountable.

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Respected Panel Members May I say that I deplore cruelty at all levels. Whether it is shooting invasive animals or experimenting on laboratory animals there are always more humanitarian ways of achieving your goals. Shooting horses, deer and cats all seems to be driven by those requiring their dose of killing (called sport) and called a political party or group that has an added agenda to the one advertised. Cruelty and violence lead to wars that have not yet reached this country but will if the present mindset continues. It is possible to reduce the numbers of feral animals through removing their fertility or domestication. By giving clear licence to the shooters it will ensure that the methods of killing and violence will continue long into the future, not to mention the accidents that are bound to occur. Yours sincerely

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We support humane, science-based solutions for cat welfare and wildlife protection in NSW. There needs to be a more humane way of controlling cat populations, especially educating responsible cat owners, free desexing and solutions for keeping cats in enclosure within properties.

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats need protection from human beings mistreating them and mismanaging them. We need to train people to learn about their behaviours and protect them when living as part of communities. Safe practices , good neighbour respect and protection from poisoning and other eradication practices. Cats are very suitable domestic pet when well managed by humans.

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I ask that humane methods be found to protect cats and control their breeding as they are too often either dumped, poisoned and or killed in other ways. The problem is irresponsible owners allowing cat management to get out of control. In rural areas there are too many feral cats that once where pets then dumped to be rid of and then create a bigger problem. Thank you

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Cats are being demonized & targeted by baiting, trapping, & other inhumane lethal methods....all of which are cruel & ineffective. The Invasive Species Council is intensifying these lethal controls which leads to horrible suffering for the animal from this deadly violence. Cats are loving pets, not an invasive species. Humans are to blame for irresponsible pet ownership so the felines run wild suffering as strays. Killing cats to protect wildlife has not worked. Please prioritize cat welfare & support humane management practices including spaying/neutering, TNR, education, & adoption. MP Hurst, as an appointee of the Inquiry into the Management of Cat Populations in NSW, please advocate for cats. Thank you. It is the compassionate choice.

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It is well known that killing cats to protect wildlife does not work, I could give you a list of reasons why it doesn't but you would already know that. I have had cats my whole life and I would do anything to protect them as they are loving and loyal creatures who experience the same emotions as we do and we must protect them. They have been vilified and used as scapegoats by people who know nothing about cats. There are not the number of stray cats around as there were in my youth. People have taken more responsibility through education and knowing that it is safer for a cat to be kept indoors especially at night. Educating the public, that cats are not a toy to be given as a gift to a child and then dumped when the responsibility to care for them is too great. So education and community cat programmes are useful, especially with the intentions of desexing. It would be useful if the government could support large-scale desexing programs instead of killing programs which are ineffective.

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No 1009

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Name: Name suppressed

Just as puppy farms are unethical & needed regulation, which is finally about to happen, Thank you, so too do kitten farms need regulation. As I see often from being an Animal Welfare League (AWL) foster carer.

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No 1010

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Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritize cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Killing and mistreatment of innocent animals is unacceptable.

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats are not the problem it is owners that sometimes through no fault of their own do the wrong thing .Educating the public on responsible cat ownership making desexing cheaper will help to prevent poor animals being abandoned. Recently a friend came across a cat in a terrible state covered in fleas just skin and bones no microchip...this cat was lucky he was rescued brought back to good health and has a loving home ...not all abandoned and stray cats are this lucky ...please do something to protect these vulnerable animals.

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feral cats are so destructive to wildlife. There should be much stronger pressure on landholders like me to trap or poison them. Cat owners should be pressured to have wire cat runs for them and keep them inside both day and night. Night wandering cats should be fair game for anyone who disposes of them humanely. Domestic cats should not be free to wander on other people's property and kill the birds, lizards etc. I hope you will legislate NSW to take the cat problem seriously.

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Name: Name suppressed

I am really concerned about the current approach to managing cat populations in New South Wales. As someone who deeply cares about the welfare of all animals, I strongly believe we need a humane long term solution. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane practices, including desexing, education of the population, promote adoption and ban kitten farms

Short Submission
No 1014

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Name: Name suppressed

Government should be helping cats and their owners, every animal has a right to live a happy life with no fear

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats need far more protection. Desexing them to curb the monstrous over population is essential. There needs to be help for those with low incomes and a point of sale desexing initiative. Please prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Remove deterrents such as late desexing fines. Legalize trap, neuter, release programs for responsible rescue groups.

1. Accessible and affordable (possibly free) desexing services for all cat owners by NSW government.
2. Raising awareness about the importance of cat desexing in communities.
3. Providing funding and resources to no-kill rescues that operate desexing programs.
4. Implementing TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) programs through legislation to manage and reduce stray cat populations.
5. Our existing, well managed colonies and how we need to protect them.
6. Stricter regulations on cat breeding to prevent overpopulation.
7. Pet ownership responsibilities: mandatory desexing, microchipping and registration of cats.
8. Collaboration between local councils, veterinarians, and rescue groups to address cat overpopulation.

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NSW needs far more effective regulation and management of roaming pet cats and feral cats. Pet cats must be contained on their owner's property, like all other companion animals. Allowing pet cats to roam, hunt and kill native animals is unacceptable and must be addressed. Land managers must be able to use a range of feral cat control tools. Roaming pet cats and feral cats have killed too many native animals. Please change the current framework which is supporting cat owners to be irresponsible, and facilitating cats to have an irreversible impact on our wildlife.

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Name: Name suppressed

Hi, I support preserving and sustaining Australia's native species and biodiversity, I urge parliament to prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education, over cruel lethal controls and mandatory cat containment which have no evidence based data to support these measures work. One species should not be demonised, persecuted and suffer at the expense of another. two rights, not one right and wrong. thanks

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Name: Name suppressed

Legislation should be put in place to ensure every non-pedigree cat is spayed/neutered. Every time a cat is taken to a vet, the vet can check to see this has been done And arrange for it to be done if not. A little nick can be made in the cat's ear to indicate desexed animals. Speak to GAIA in Belgium who campaigned for this and it is now being implemented in Belgium.

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People are trying to help these stray cats but finding it very difficult as Animal Welfare groups are receiving little or no funding and have to pay full vet fees so it is difficult to afford to have a stray cat desexed. It is greatly needed to have funding for desexing programs. Wanting to help these animals it is not always practical to keep a stray cat in the house and can only offer them food and shelter as some can only be partially domesticated. They then when well fed spend most of their time sleeping. It is imperative that these animals are safe and able to have some freedom as there are people that want to help them but may not have enough resources to take them all inside their homes but ensure they are fed and cared for as best they can.

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Name: Name suppressed

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter. This is a complex issue. The protection of wildlife is necessary. However, cats were introduced to Australia. The current concerns have arisen because of human choices. Humane solutions are needed, as cats, like wildlife, are sentient beings. Like wildlife, they are also beloved by many people. That is why it is so important to find a humane answer to this question. We need a better solution than trapping, poisoning or other inhumane alternatives. Please spare a thought for not inflicting unnecessary pain or suffering on cats. They are sentient beings (please refer to the UK Parliament's recent determinations on this matter.) Because of the complexity of this issue, I would ask that more scientific research is needed into domestic cat behaviour. While observations can provide information about particular instances, one cannot generalise from case studies.. This research should be aimed at what measures can be taken to address this issue. Consideration of what humane solutions have been utilised overseas would also be beneficial. It is essential that such research is conducted by researchers who have been trained in empirical methodologies. We need a carefully considered solution, not a knee-jerk reaction. So many cats have been harmed and killed by people who hate them (welfare organisations, such as the RSPCA, can attest to this.) Please do not allow individuals to have the power to trap cats.

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Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including de-sexing and education!!. So many Cat rescuers already devote so much of their time to help poor suffering cats on the streets and are over stretched!. We need more government support with de-sexing poor innocent homeless cats who through no fault of their own end up being born or DUMPED on the streets. Surely there are more humane solutions than lethal controls and cat containment!! What sort of society have we become? Any more cruelty to cats will not be tolerated and is totally unethical! More consideration into lenient, merciful and kind methods of dealing with cats is needed. Government Support to Animal Rescue groups and Shelters (these organisations are so strained atm, I believe that RSPCA can't even take surrenders now) is absolutely essential and would be the right way to go! Tightening Animal Cruelty Laws is crucial as well!

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Unless the person is a registered breeder, desexing of cats should be a requirement. Yes, help for low income families and individuals for the cost of desexing. Penalties for landlords who deny housing because of pet ownership.

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats should be always under a curfew. Until recently blue-tongue lizards have lived on my land for ever. No more! Native birds and possums are often killed. Cats are predatory by nature and should be restricted from wreaking this devastation.

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Name: Name suppressed

I and my husband who have been cat and dog advocates forever, implore you to reconsider what you are wanting to legislate against cats. Cats are beautiful caring companions for thousands of people all over Australia. Remember many cats are dumped, uncared for by humans. Cats that are not desexed male and female have many kittens, through no fault of their own. Cats eat to survive. Some people blame cats for destruction of native animals. When in fact, humans are responsible for habitat loss for many species. Are they blamed for this, No. TNR works very well for cats. I have been part of cat rescues for a few years. I have always advocated for cats in need. There needs to be a nationwide free desexing available to help solve the issue of kittens being born. If an animal does not have a home, it is not their fault trying to survive. Humans. I am very upset about this matter. Animals always seem to pay the price for what humans do. Cats need our voice. They have my voice, Loud and Clear. Please do not go ahead with what you are wanting to do. So many people and cats will suffer.

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I am against this 24/7 ruling as I fear for the welfare of cats that cannot be contained through no fault of their own and I fear the cat haters that will get hold of these poor animals. This will make easy access to cats for dog fighting and other cruel acts. I also fear for my own 2 cats who are strictly indoors but what if they were to accidentally be let out. My grandchildren are constantly going in and out and it's my greatest fear they will let one or both cats out. Please have some compassion for these poor innocent creatures who have done nothing wrong.

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Name: Name suppressed

I wish all the cats to be desexed for free by the government instead of killing them - killing never achieve on anything - desexing is the key they all have feelings and have the right to live and a meal a day thanks MT

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No 1027

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Name: Name suppressed

i support cat containment laws in Nsw . roaming cats boost feral cat numbers . millions of native animals being killed every day .

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Name: Name suppressed

You can't just kill cats that are on the streets, some are being looked after in colonies that do tnr.
They can also be family pets that are outside

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Name: Name suppressed

A few thoughts Desexing should be made mandatory for all rescues and if anyone wants to not desex, there should be a cost Education of communities on importance of desexing Funding for volunteer groups and rescues who take care of street colonies All colony cats must be protected but population needs to be controlled by desexing Is it vital that people understand that wildlife such as birds are dying because of people! Vilifying cats is not right and just an excuse Cat protection and fines and imprisonment for those who abuse cats

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I am very concerned about the cat curfew and how it will be introduced. There is a risk that pounds and shelters would be overloaded with subsequent large scale euthanasias and encourage cruelty towards cats. Control of cat populations should include : - Expanding Trap Neuter Release Programs, including financial support for rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Control cat hoarding behaviours. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges. I have copied another's response as I agree exactly to what has been written.

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Controlling the wildcat population to protect wildlife needs to be humane. Desexing cats is the best method. Killing cats by poisoning/baiting/shooting is cruel. We should not increase cruelty on animals because of a problem caused by us. A number of animal protection organisations are active in poorer countries and provide support by desexing and educating people on the cruelty caused by other methods. We need to lead by example. Cats should not have to be confined indoors 24 hours a day. They should be confined indoors overnight. Euthanasia if used should be kind- controlled by vets and with the best injection available. We need to remember humans cause the most damage. People should be supported- education, support with desexing/

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Strict curfews so cats are not out of a night destroying the nocturnal native animals. Bans on allowing cats outside at all so they are not destroying the birds and reptiles..

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No 1033

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Feral cats put to sleep humanely.

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Name: Name suppressed

My cat was a street cat, he was only 8 wks old when we got him. He was picked up off the street. He had cat flu. We adopted him from a local vet and he has been the best thing that happened to our family. We are 7 yrs into loving him and I would hate to imagine life without him. I really hope that all cats get the chance to be loved, if not put down humanely. Each cat needs to be firstly given the chance of a forever home when possible. They are a huge benefit to people's lives.

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Name: Name suppressed

Please support cat welfare and priorities human treatment. It is the owners fault if they end us stray and un dessex. Do not push innocent animals for the wrong doing of human being. Have more sanctions towards owners to make them more responsible. Introduce pets programs with inmates to help tackle foster issues. Many jails in the USA are doing this and seeing improvements in people mental health. Every animals have the right to fresh air and freedom and with responsible ownership this can be achieved. Snakes, birds and other creatures also feed on wildlife. Kiling is not the solution.

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Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education

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Name: Name suppressed

Please be humane towards cat populations. Use large scale desexing by giving grants to councils to effect this. Media campaigns to educate public to keep their pet cats under control at night. No curfews please it can result in people abandoning their cats to avoid fines. Please help apartment dwellers and disadvantaged areas by providing free desexing microchipping. Other methods like cat removal from wildlife areas are not as effective as desexing and microchipping programs please help councils to achieve this by making grants. Many thanks and please consider my proposal.

Short Submission
No 1038

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Name: Name suppressed

This is going to cause the inhumane treatment of cats.

Short Submission
No 1039

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats should be kept indoors after 10pm each night

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Name: Name suppressed

The health and well being of cats is being increasingly compromised by a number of factors. These include neglect and ill-treatment (It is hard to imagine the mindset of someone deliberately hurting a defenceless animal) of abandoned cats, lack of responsibility of some owners in letting their cats roam free and the dumping of cats on suburban and city streets. This last factor has become more prevalent with increased cost of living pressures and the lack of pet-friendly rental accommodation. All these issues inevitably lead to increases in cat numbers and the risks to their wellbeing. Many people are contributing substantial amounts of their time and money to address these problems but they can't do it all on their own. I hope this and other submissions will lead to action being taken at higher level.

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Name: Name suppressed

Domestic cats are highly valued and loved companions in the lives of millions of people. Unfortunately, they are also the target of vicious and futile prejudice. Cat hatred has a long and tragic history. The New South Wales government can do little to alleviate the problem of wild cats. However, under no circumstances must it yield to the pressure of those advocating cruel and ultimately pointless solutions. One practical way of mitigating the problem is for government to subsidise the desexing of domestic cats. This is something the committee should examine in depth.

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Name: Name suppressed

I recently saw a dead blue tongue lizard in Castlecrag's Corteile reserve. Not sure if a cat or dog might have mullied it, but one or the other had. Unfortunately there are still a material number of the public that walk though with dogs unleashed and cats roaming the area. Harold Reid Reserve is another bad area where people take dogs for walks off leash.

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats are not the vilians. It is people who don't look after their cats - there in lies the problem. They must get them desexed and we must educate people, particularly people who dont speak english. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices.

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Name: Name suppressed

I oppose the demonisation of cats! Cats are already unfairly discriminated against. Cats are wonderful companion animals and often the only pet allowed in rental accommodation. Rather than target innocent cats, why aren't backyard breeders held to account?! There are cruel and disgusting cat breeding conditions around this state! With so many cats in rescue centres, breeding of cats should be stopped! More, and heavier laws should be applied to unscrupulous people who are breeding cats for profit!

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Name: Name suppressed

I see it as simple. Rather than killing cats in kill shelters like RSPCA, etc, offer free or subsidized cat neutering for people and also animal shelters. Vets are ridiculously expensive so people avoid them. This way the animals are not contributing to more stray animals. Its not their fault. It is the fault of humans. RSPCA is happy to KILL animals but with all the bequests and huge amounts of free money, they could use this to neuter instead and then will have less animals in shelters. Imagine - the problem of stray animals then would no longer exist in years to come!

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Name: Name suppressed

Dear Committee, I am concerned about cats being killed. I understand we have a stray cat population problem, that they are killing the wildlife amongst other issues. Like most things in life, the solution to killing is usually not more killing. I ask that you use the following non-lethal methods as your primary source of dealing with this problem. 1) Capture 2) De-sex 3) Rehome if possible, if not, release with bell on neck This method I believe has been more effective than killing when used in the past, and of course, it is more ethical. Thank you for your time. Best regards

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Name: Name suppressed

I urge this inquiry ensure humane treatment of cat colonies extermination is not an ethical means of managing cat populations in the wild. They should be managed but with respect to their wellbeing also. They did not ask to be born in the wild and we can provide these creatures with better conditions than outright exterminating the populations.

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Name: Name suppressed

Sir/Madam The arguments in favour of agitation or activism against cats are spurious. They are usually justified by a stated belief that cats are a threat to native wildlife and birdlife. Cats as companion animals, if properly looked after, pose no threat to birds or other wildlife. Certainly, cats should be mandatorily de-sexed and micro-chipped, and should not be allowed outside the home at night. It should also be mandatory for cats to wear collars with loud bells. If these measure are put in place, wildlife and native birds are effectively protected. Unfortunately, many of the difficulties that arise with cats becoming feral originate not because of the animal itself but through the irresponsible or lazy behaviour of humans. These individuals, not their animals, should suffer legally enforceable penalties. It's an uncomfortable fact that most animals in the natural animal world exist by attacking and consuming other animals, with a natural population balance resulting when unnatural external factors are absent. Against this background, companion animals, including cats, pose a very small risk to wildlife – a risk that can be easily managed through responsible practices by owners. It is a very peculiar logical inversion that many who claim to support wildlife are quite comfortable with the idea that cruelty to cats (baiting, trapping and other inhumane and ineffective methods) provides some sort of countervailing 'benefit' for wildlife. Cats are as entitled to care and protection as any other animal, wild or domesticated.

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Name: Name suppressed

I am presently living in Berlin, Germany, where I reside for six months every year. In Australia I live in the Lakeside area of Wagga Wagga. In recent years there has been a perceived decline in the population of bird life in my garden where I purposely have a medium to dense growth of animal attracting plantings. I am aware, both through sightings and evidence of dead birds, of local cats intruding on my property at all times of the day. This has been reported several times to local authorities who have advised that I may not set traps for the cats, nor take any other action, which advice I have abided by. Personnel did make a visit to one nearby home to talk with the cat owners about the concern. It appears there is no existing legislation in NSW to require cat owners to restrict their cats, so preventing the decimation of wildlife by these extremely efficient hunters. I submit to the enquiry that the time is overdue for appropriate action and legislation to be put in place to prevent the continuation of this long existing and obvious problem. Best wishes in your endeavours.

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Name: Name suppressed

I don't believe a cat curfew is the answer. No other domestic animal is subject to these controls. If large populations of cats are an issue. Restrict the number of cats per household

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No 1051

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Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

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Name: Name suppressed

I submit this statement to highlight strong community opposition to animal cruelty and to advocate for humane, effective solutions for animal management and welfare. Community Stance Against Cruelty: There is overwhelming opposition to animal cruelty, particularly the practice of culling, which is inhumane, ineffective, and repugnant to voters. Accountability for Human Actions: I strongly deplore the tendency to blame animals, including cats, for problems caused by human actions or mismanagement. Cats as Valued Members of Our Community: Cats are regarded not only as pets but as integral members of our families and communities, deserving of respect and care. Support for TNR Programs: I endorse Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) programs and re-homing initiatives as humane and effective methods to manage stray cat populations. Subsidized Neutering and Cat Colony Support: I advocate for subsidized neutering programs and community-supported cat colonies to promote sustainable population control while ensuring animal welfare. Culling is Unacceptable: Voters will not tolerate crude, cruel methods like culling, which are antithetical to the values of a civilized and compassionate society. Respect for Responsible Cat Ownership: Policies should respect responsible cat ownership without imposing arbitrary limits on how many animals individuals can care for. Animals as Sentient Beings: Animals are fellow sentient beings, deserving of compassion and ethical treatment in all contexts. I urge the Parliament to adopt policies that reflect these principles, fostering a humane and ethical approach to animal welfare.

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Name: Name suppressed

Support Animal welfare charities with capture, desexing and release. Education of residents for responsible pet ownership.

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Name: Name suppressed

I believe we should prioritize cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education in the community such as schools and libraries. Rescue centres should receive support such as free desexing to help them keep their doors open. Most smaller rescue centres operate with volunteers only and totally rely on community and corporate donations in order to pay the substantial costs of running a rescue centre.

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Cats are not to blame here. Yes there is an issue but cruelty isn't the answer. The government needs to spend some money on respect g programs. This will actually save money in the future and it is an ethical and humane solution.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

I am horrified to learn about the increase in homeless cat numbers in Ryde. I strongly support all possible options to reduce homeless car numbers. I suggest financial or opportunity incentives for local Ryde Residents to inform appropriately resourced cat collection teams where there are homeless cats operating, so that those homeless cats can be taken into animal welfare agencies for re-homing or for euthanasia.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Hi there, I hope you are well. I just heard that the NSW Government quietly posted an inquiry into Cat Population management with a very little information released. Really appreciate it if we could look into other important areas of community such as: -The legalisation of TNR Programs, and support for the rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes -Implementation of funding support for rescuers that run desexing programs -Ways to take assertive action with cat hoarding without punishing the cats -Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges Can we please also remove the words like “cat curfews” please as this can ended up in a sad way when someone literally see a cat at night wondering around and they will just kill them 😞 that is so wrong in so many way ... please can we please ... And can we all come together and help those cats in need and the rescuers please ... together we can make things better ... Thank you 😊

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

I strongly support protection of native animals, and believe all cats should wear a bell and be kept inside at night. However cats are sentient intelligent creatures equally worthy of humane treatment always. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including strong measures to support and enforce desexing and education, over cruel practices.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritize cat welfare and support humane management practises, incl. Desexing and Education. Cats can't speak for themselves, so we have a duty to take care of them in a responsible and kind manner. Stop cruelty to cats and animals in general.

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Name: Name suppressed

Partner with cat rescues in the Ryde area to give them vouchers for desexing Provide vouchers for low income households so they can desex their cats Provide funding for cat rescuers with shelters to expand and be able to care for more cats

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

Killing cats won't protect wildlife because wildlife is affected by human's farming and deforestation. We need to have better programs to educate cat owners and cat desex.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

I am a cat owner living in the Blue Mountains. My desexed rescue cats live strictly indoors and in an enclosed outdoor space. I am fortunate to be able to have a home and financial support to provide this to keep my cats and the local wildlife safe. I am concerned that other cat owners do not have the space or financial means to do this will be punished by cat control laws, or their cats come to harm from people who hate roaming cats. Pet ownership, and pet abandonment and the pet industry has grown exponentially in recent years, putting pressure on cat welfare organisations, but also proving additional GST revenue generation through the sale of cat-related goods and services. I would like the government to consider: - GST revenue raised from companion animal related goods and services be dedicated to companion animal welfare and control services and programs. - all and any cat control measure should be humane, and not cause any suffering to cats. Cats should not be harmed because of the decisions made by people. - Financial support and education should be provided to owners to keep cats safe and healthy confined to their property (not necessarily indoors) - Law enforcement action should be taken against cruelty against - Interested people and groups on all sides of the debates about cats should be invited to submit and review evidence being used to inform policy development Thank you

Short Submission
No 1063

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education

Short Submission
No 1064

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

take proper and loving care of cats

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Name: Name suppressed

the overpopulation has been caused by people.. enact a tax to take proper care of each and every cat.. the people who love them, won't mind the tax as long as it is being used properly.. the people who caused this thru negligence, deserve to pay for their care.

Short Submission
No 1066

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Please help us with cat welfare. Maybe offering free desexing for those on benefits. Education on humane management of strays. Financial assistance to shelters and pounds.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

This inquiry will have a deluge of responses from people who want to harm cats. Though the enquiry likely means well, and is seeking community response, these can also be a magnet for people who would happily take your cat and drown it. If this is done wrong, the pounds and shelters will be overloaded (as will we) with cats, and tens of thousands will die. It needs to be better. There needs to be more done than curfews and into other important areas of community, - The legalisation of TNR Programs, and support for the rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes. - Implementation of funding support for rescuers that run desexing programs. - Ways to take assertive action with cat hoarding without punishing the cats. - Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

you are demonize cats period and treat these animals that can and do feel pain, fear and stress as much if not more than we and dogs which are also killing wildlife and worse humans !!! if they have to be manage , do so humanely and inflict them with zero or no pain and stress . Put the unwanted quickly and ethically as u do with unwanted PET DOGS at shelters !!!

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Name: Name suppressed

there are far better , just and humane ways to manage cat population . and killing any loose cats has NOT worked . the way to decrease or eliminate loose cats are to educate , help or have cats owned by those who live near the wild and those who are financially poor . farmers usually do not spay or neuter their cats to keep rodents away and have cats around year after year . and as for wildlife , there are more dangerous invasive such as DOGS which kill or damage than cats . however since the westerners are in general worship dogs and seen as their best friends . their damage and harm never ever mentioned even though humans were the victims. if one truly cares enough of the welfare of the stray or feral cats , one would find a true solution for ALL ! if one is lazy and see with a colored lens armed with prejudice, the easiest way to go for humans is to kill (be it sub human or non canine species)

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Name: Name suppressed

The word FERAL for cats will always lead to death for these innocent souls. Due to people arrigants towards the Felines and continued lack of education, these innocent souls get treated like vernman! Labelling all cats found as feral will definitely give people more excuses to not take responsibility and put them in more harms way ie: used to teach dogs to kill in dog fighting rings which still happen. Torture them for fun. Shoot them for sport. It is heart breaking that they are still regarded as pets even beloved owned cats. Please don't sentence them to more danger.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

Dear Sir or Madam, as an animal lover I would suggest that the Government provide increased funding to be accessed for cat desexing. This would help cut the numbers of unwanted or abandoned cats and kittens. Also funding for outside pet enclosures would also assist with stopping cats roaming. Prohibiting the sale of cats and kittens from pet stores (where impulse buying can be an issue) may also limit the number of unwanted cats. It is just cruel to poison or shoot cats as these methods can result in a lot of animals suffering in pain. Plus poison can then kill any other native creature that may feed on the carcass. kind regards

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Name: Name suppressed

We need low cost or no cost desexing options for animal carers, owners. Where I live I am constantly seeing cats dumped either because they are unwanted or are pregnant. We need stronger laws to prosecute owners who dump or mistreat their animals. More funding for sterilisation programmes and rescue organisations. Maybe free medical for cat rescues would be amazing. Any animal should not be murdered because it is unwanted.

Short Submission
No 1073

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
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Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Educate tenants on their rights to keep pets or eradicate strata or landlords not allowing pets.

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Name: Name suppressed

Demonising cats is not the answer prioritising education about spaying and neutering would be far more beneficial. Cats are sentient creatures that deserve care and compassion. Promoting lethal controls is an issue that would have mental health concerns for people who spend their lives caring for cats, not only their own but also strays in the community.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

I am writing to you first of all to congratulate you on finally outlawing unregulated puppy mills in NSW, however I'm disappointed to learn that kitten farms are not included. These farms are just as unethical and in need of regulation as puppy mills. No creature should be subjected to cruelty and exploitation and treated as if they are just commodities, there just for profit. Therefore I urge you please to introduce a kitten bill as soon as possible as kitten farms need to be outlawed for the same reasons as puppy mills. Thank you.

Short Submission
No 1076

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

hi there cat committee great to see some talk about the cat in nsw these domestic furry animals are born storkers & killers come on down to broulee on the nsw south coast plenty of domestic cats out on the streets in the day & at night hunting birds possums gliders and lizards etc I nearly fell out of the truck when I saw a cat on the shared bike path heading for the bushland on north broulee beach why does a dog have to be on a lead full supervision and cat has a free life until dark please something strong has to be done now regards

Short Submission
No 1078

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education, Thank you.

Short Submission
No 1079

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Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Please don't haunt cats. Be a humane country. Understand that cats are able to work with people, they are sentient beings. They have feelings and can feel fear and pain. Be the country you want the world to see.

Short Submission
No 1080

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

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Name: Name suppressed

I would strongly encourage cats to be contained. I live close to a bush park and there are cats there that I frequently see. I've seen one pouncing on a water dragon. I've seen cats sitting lurking in the bushes watching birds. I also have a cat that enters my backyard. It has killed a Rosella at my bird bath. When I spoke to the owner he laughed and said "cats will be cats" This cat even lost its collar with GPS tracking in our yard. The owner came and found the collar in our backyard!!! We have until recently always had a dog so we have been spared. Our dogs walk on the leash and stay in our yard. They do not roam, they do not kill wildlife. Why are cats treated differently? People should be responsible for their pets- allowing them to roam is not being responsible. I can always tell if the cat has come into our yard as I start sneezing. I can manage this allergy but it is unfair that the cat trespasses into our yard. Please consider the wildlife - it's hard enough for wildlife to survive and thrive without being hunted by free roaming cats. Surely people are also entitled to the "quiet enjoyment" of their own fenced in property. Cats should be contained and owners should be responsible! Thank you

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Name: Name suppressed

I have been a cat owner my entire life. I have had around 10 cats. Of those 10, only 2 have been hunters. The other 8 were complete couch potatoes and just weren't interested. Of the 2 cats that were hunters (both black and white, interestingly), one was a farm cat so kept the rabbit population down slightly, the other a city cat and once I realized he was a hunter I chose to lock him in overnight. I believe cats are like humans and each have vastly different personalities. Some are killers but the majority are not. Blanketing them all with the 'killer' label just isn't accurate. It should be up to the owners to police them and do the right thing. Putting a blanket ban on all cats isn't the answer. Maybe cats that live on the edge of a national park need to be contained at night, but cats living elsewhere shouldn't need to be. Keeping them locked inside all the time isn't good for their mental health. I don't live in a suburb with many stray cats but I know there are lots in certain areas. The government should be doing more to trap and neuter them. As a country we don't seem to have a good TNR program like they do overseas. We need to control the population of strays so cat rescues are not overwhelmed any further.

Short Submission
No 1083

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

We need funding for tnr and desexing. Please

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Name: Name suppressed

I agree with cat desexing measures which would reduce the population and also reduce the impact on native animals as there would be fewer cats, night curfews and rights awareness programs are also a good idea. There is no reason to give up an animal if you have to move and it would be heartbreaking to even consider it. Support for cat rescue organizations would also be valuable.

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Name: Name suppressed

As long as more cats are bred the over population will continue .A moratorium should be held on deliberate breeding either by registered breeders or backyard breeders. Desexing is expensive so it would be helpful if desexing programs were funded. As a volunteer in a rescue group I see the appalling dumping of pregnant cats and litters especially in the bushland areas .The proposals to undertake mass killing by cruel and inhumane means eg poisoning, shooting is totally a abhorrent. Most feral animals are simply starving dumped cats. This proposal encourages the vigilantes in our community by providing an open ended excuse and will exacerbate cruelty to animals as a form of domestic violence and coercive control. The species argument ignores the biggest impact ie clearing of bushland for housing, farming etc. Any species who eats other animals is hardly in the moral position to focus on cats. I support containment at night however this may prove difficult for anyone in rental situation. as they can't alter the dwelling.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Here are some ideas to help with keeping cats and native wildlife safe. The problem is one caused by humans, and we need to stop killing every animal we find inconvenient. A ban on the sale of animals by breeders, in pet stores, and online. A ban on kitten farms. Continuation of mandatory microchipping. Increased public education about the importance of cat desexing, at-home confinement (including environmental enrichment), fostering, and adoption. Increased state government funding of adoption groups and shelters to better house impounded animals and enhance rehoming efforts. Government funding of desexing programmes.

Short Submission
No 1087

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Priorities cat welfare and support Humane management practices including desexing and education.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Dear Cat Committee, I would like to recommend that the NSW Government: ~amend the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 ~enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats at a local level ~allocate a minimum of \$9 million to fund compliance, education, desexing, identification and registration programs ~encourage local governments to develop companion animal management plans ~develop a state-wide web resource for pet owners ~streamline pet identification and registration processes ~make desexing mandatory state-wide.

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Name: Name suppressed

I strongly object to cats being trapped, poisoned or killed without full responsibility being taken for the welfare of each animal. Funding needs to go to cat shelters to house homeless cats. More shelters need to be established to take in stray colonies that are currently on the streets or better support for councils and charities to fully control these populations and care for them. Cats need to be trapped and spayed, owners need to be tracked down and prosecuted for not desexing their cats and microchipping them. Focus should be on cat owners containing their animals and making it easier for renters to keep their pets. Should be easier to surrender a cat to reduce dumping of unwanted animals. Only truly feral cats that are found in the wilderness should be culled.

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats should not be allowed outdoors without a leash on with their owners. Rules that apply to dog ownership should be applied to cat ownership (desexed and microchipped)

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats are being demonised and targeted by baiting, trapping and other inhumane methods, methods that are both cruel and ineffective. Attacks on cats intensifying, people making submissions that promote lethal controls and call for mandatory cat containment, despite lacking evidence that these measures work. This will lead to terrible suffering for cats. Anyone who has had the privilege of sharing their life with a cat knows that cats are intelligent, social, playful and loving animals who deserve kindness. Yet right now, the media, government and powerful organisations like the Invasive Species Council are pushing inhumane measures that threaten more violence, persecution and suffering for cats. Every cat deserves care and protection. We also know this issue deeply affects people, all the rescuers, carers, rehomers, and rescue organisations who dedicate themselves to protecting and loving cats. Including my own mother. Cats play an important role in so many people's lives, bringing companionship, joy and purpose to those who care for them. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Cats face uncertain futures every day, from lack of shelter to the dangers of life on the streets. We need stronger protections and humane management.

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Name: Name suppressed

Most cats that are classified as Feral Cats, were put into that situation by Poor human management and ownership. It is up to us to care ,desex and refine these animals and out the responsibility onto us as humans to make laws of ownership to stop unwanted cats and kittens and rid this so called problem. We need penalties and fines to stop the laziness of breeding unwanted animal who are then dumped and becoming a problem as they search for shelter and food. The animals are suffering because if human incompetence.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

The government should promote adoption and at-home containment and invest in desexing projects and education programmes to inform the public about why there can be no such thing as a “responsible” breeder while homeless cat numbers continue to skyrocket.

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Name: Name suppressed

Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem. Community cat programs that focus on rehoming, targeted desexing, TNR and community education have proven highly effective at reducing stray cat populations. These initiatives also ease the burden on councils, shelters and rescue groups, while supporting the well-being of vets, nurses and volunteers involved. A NSW Government-commissioned report supports large-scale desexing programs instead, showing that killing programs are ineffective.

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Name: Name suppressed

I feel the government should promote adoption and at-home containment and invest in desexing projects and education programmes to inform the public about why there can be no such thing as a “responsible” breeder while homeless cat numbers continue to skyrocket. I urge the New South Wales government to consider the following preventive measures to reduce cat populations: - A ban on the sale of animals by breeders, in pet stores, and online - A ban on kitten farms - The enforcement of 24/7 cat confinement laws - Continuation of mandatory microchipping - Increased public education about the importance of cat desexing, at-home confinement - (including environmental enrichment), fostering, and adoption - Increased state government funding of adoption groups and shelters to better house impounded animals and enhance rehoming efforts - Government funding of desexing programmes - In cases where it is necessary, euthanasia – and an end to cruel, inaccurate lethal methods such as shooting and poisoning

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Name: Name suppressed

Mandatory microchipping. Mandatory desexing unless a registered breeder. Having sufficient facilities to surrender captured stray cats. I had a family of strays living in the rubbish room of my building and managed to capture all of them. But it was challenging to find a vet/shelter to take them. Trapping of stray cats and humanely euthanasing if not microchipped or feral. OR Trapping of cats that are roaming and desexing and then releasing back into the community, which should help keep numbers from growing.

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats should be desexed. The government should subsidise this operation as some cat-owners cannot afford to have this done. Strays living at railway stations etc. should be euthanased or caught and desexed and released. I have done this many times myself. If/when the cat population needs to be reduced, a veterinary surgeon should euthanase them. Shooters should not be allowed to shoot them as they are often cruel people who do not care about the cats and do not check to see if they have died. Traps should not be allowed as animals can be injured when being trapped or if it is a cage, the cage is not checked often enough and the cat can die while waiting.

Short Submission
No 1098

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Any inhuman cruelty to domestic animals is not right. Instead harsher punishment Should occur for those that harm animals.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to propose the implementation of mandatory containment and desexing policies for domestic cats across New South Wales. These measures aim to protect wildlife, improve public health, and ensure the well-being of cats and their communities.

1. Mandatory Cat Containment: Enforcing containment policies for domestic cats will significantly reduce their impact on local wildlife. This measure is essential to protect native species and maintain biodiversity. Containment can also prevent cats from becoming lost, injured, or causing disturbances in the community. Examples of effective containment methods include keeping cats indoors or within enclosed outdoor areas like catios.

2. Mandatory Desexing: Introducing a regulation that requires all domestic cats to be desexed by a certain age will help control the stray and feral cat population. Desexing not only reduces the number of unwanted kittens but also benefits the cats' health and behavior. We recommend setting the mandatory desexing age at six months, with exceptions for registered breeders.

Benefits of These Policies:

- Environmental Protection: Reducing the predation of native wildlife by domestic cats.
- Public Health and Safety: Minimising the spread of diseases and reducing the risk of cat-related injuries.
- Animal Welfare: Decreasing the number of unwanted and abandoned cats, leading to better care for existing pets.

I urge the NSW Government to consider these measures and take action to implement mandatory cat containment and desexing policies. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

There is ALWAYS a better, humane approach to animals who've been let down by society and abandones. Please prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education. Trap, neuter and release programs work. Give animal welfare groups who are on the ground trying to help the tools and support to manage this humanely.

Short Submission
No 1101

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Please reconsider your inhumane cat cull. It's a horrible way to control the cat population and doesn't look good on your country for doing this. Please instead trap the cats and desex them and release. In a few short years, the population will be in control. Thank you.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

To whom it may concern, The cat stray cat population is out of control and needs to be addressed. This needs to start with education of how important it is to be responsible and spay or neuter your animals. Also there needs to be subsidies for low income earners to help make this more affordable for people and there needs to be the same for microchipping. Cats should be treated humanely as it is not their fault they are homeless. There should be every effort made to work with rescue groups and no kill shelters to find the a solution that does NOT involved killing cats needlessly. Supporting TNR programs is essential. This is a man made problem. These animals deserve compassion and understanding. We need to be role models for younger generations. These animals deserve to have a chance at life. I hope the government makes a decision that is in the best interest of life preservation for all animals. Kind regards,

Short Submission
No 1103

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

I would like it to be mandatory that domestic cats be kept inside at night . As a past cat owner I can attest to the damage these cats do. I witnessed my cat killing birds in my backyard and rescued frogs and small bluetongue lizards that it had caught. There must have been others I did not get the chance to see and this was even though I kept my cat indoors at night. During the night if I hear cats fighting I know they could be injuring each other and perhaps passing on infections. I have also seen cats walking through my yard at night and do not want them coming on to my property and killing more wildlife. Many owners seem to be unaware that cats by nature hunt at night. and therefore need to be kept indoors ..The amount of wildlife killed by domestic cats is extraordinary. They don't kill for food it is purely instinct. They are an introduced pest from which the australian wildlife has no defence. .

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Education campaign aimed at new australians about impact of domestic, loved cats on wildlife. Target areas adjacent to national parks as a priority for roll out. Multiple languages that their well fed is naturally inclined to hunt without demonising the animal. Provide desexing program for feral /abandoned cats through a catch and release program. Require all cats to be contained in private property, I.e. no freedom to roam at any hour like for dogs. If not able to restrict, require double bell collars and dusk to dawn restriction.

Short Submission
No 1106

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

I think spraying,baiting,and the other methods named is a cruel means of curing the cat population.
I also wonder whose taxes will pay for all this.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

I support promoting cat containment, however, I do not support mandatory cat containment. Instead, funds would be better used to support large scale (mass / high intensity) desexing programs for owned, semi owned and unowned cats are supported for their effectiveness in minimising cat populations. This is achieved by significantly limiting the breeding of cats, which also benefits each cat and the communities. Funding and help with vaccinations would also be a good step. These funded programs should be offered free for those on low incomes, carers and rescuers of semi owned and unowned cats (community cat rescuers), and areas of high intensity cat populations to make a rapid and effective reduction in numbers of cats. Community cat rescuers provide extremely effective work helping cats and should also be recognised in this inquiry for a balanced view. Lastly, making TNR programs legal and putting funding towards desexing, vaccinations and community education would be a much more effective way forward over mandatory cat containment. Thank you.

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Name: Name suppressed

I'm a cat lover, but I still strongly believe cats should be kept indoor at least during certain times of day (cat curfew) to make sure they do not harm local wildlife. Responsible cat owners should build their own cat enclosures if they want their cat to enjoy outdoor life instead of putting their cat's personal enjoyment over the life of hundreds of wildlife in their neighbourhood. However, this does not give right of civilians to kill or capture cats if they were found after cat curfew. Instead, owners should be fined heavily for incidents like this.

Short Submission
No 1109

**INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Please consider tackling the problem at source by banning the sale of kittens in pet-stores and through breeders.

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Cats need to be protected. Council sponsored desexing and humane management of strays. Those humans found causing cruelty and harm should be prosecuted and banned from owning animals. Every cat needs protection.

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it is my view that all cats should be kept indoors at all times. Feral cats should be removed from the environment.. Australia is Australia because of it native wildlife. cats destroy this.

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Overpopulation of cats in NSW is an issue. One of the big problems is that many cats are not registered to council and definitely not desexed like dogs are. This could be due to a religious beliefs and cultural background but often it's a financial decision not to desex cats. If it could be offered widely across NSW, in fact promoted that if you desex your cat for free we would give XYZ towards keeping your cat, people would be more willing to do it. This needs to be done on a state level as each council would not comply properly to the campaign. And this needs to be long term and permanent solution not a one of promotion. We need to reduce the number of cats in NSW.

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Domestic cats that are allowed to roam outside are an environmental nightmare in the suburbs. The amount of small native wildlife that these cats kill causes unsustainable damage to animal populations which should not be allowed to continue. Just as pet dogs need to be confined to a property, the same should apply to cats. In addition all cats should be neutered to prevent even more unwanted animals turning feral and doing untold damage to wildlife. Owners should be able to continue enjoy the companionship of cats but this should not be at the expense of local wildlife. Heavy penalties for owners should apply if cats are found to be wondering outside.

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Cats must be allowed outside of the home without the burdensome restriction of cat cages or aviary like constructions. I see it reasonable that cats should be kept inside at night (when the owners retire for the evening). Cats that are found the be feral should be taken in and rehomed, or failing that, a large cat sanctuary. At the very least they should be captured and desexed. Owners should be encouraged but not forced to desex their cats

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I would like to see pet ownership and breeding more regulated. Rental properties should reasonably have to allow pets which will stop many cases of abandonment. Owners who have abandoned pets three times should lose the right to have pets in the future. Trap neuter and release is a viable control option in areas which are already problematic. I strongly dislike the idea of total cat containment as they cannot be walked easily like dogs and do not have designated areas such as parks etc which will be hard for them or their owners to visit with the same level of safety. Taking small animals such as cats to these parks will leave them Vulnerable to dog attacks.

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Make registration and desexing of cats required by law and enforce fines for owns who don't, this will stop people's outdoor cats breeding with other outdoor cats. We desperately need a state funded trap, neuter & release program to bring current stray populations under control while not having to put down strays. The council shelters should be no kill and work with rescues to foster and get cats adopted

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Make vet care more affordable and accessible. Regulations to protect homeless animals and make it easier for NPGs to trap, neuter, release/adopt. Better regulations on allowing pets in rentals so people don't have to abandon pets.

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Domestic cats need to be mandated to be kept indoors.

No roaming means no litters in gutters, sheds, under people's homes and garages.

Carers are overloaded with cat attack native animals.

Roaming cats need to be trapped.

People need to be fined for undesexed cats by the age of 6 months

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Desexing cats should be made compulsory by law at the age of 12 weeks. Desexing should be free, paid for by local government. Trap, neuter & return should be made legal again. If colonies of cats are desexed they won't breed & will eventually die out. Heavy fines should be imposed on people who don't have their cats desexed & allow them to breed. Registered breeders should have their cats desexed before selling them until the cat population is decreased. There are so many unwanted cats ending up in pounds so why are people still breeding cats? Shooting & poisoning cats is disgraceful, cruel & doesn't fix the problem. It's a people problem, not a cat problem. It should be compulsory at primary school level that all kids visit their local pound & be given the facts of why all cats should be desexed & shown how cats suffer the consequences.

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The situation with cats and kittens in Australia has so much room for improvement. Desexing of cats and kittens should be mandatory. This would drastically improve the wellbeing and treatment of cats and kittens. It would prevent so many from ending up in council pounds and being euthanised. In the long run it would be a far cheaper option for the government to subsidise/pay in full for desexing. This would also prevent cats from being dumped in such high numbers, which in turn would prevent cats killing wildlife to survive.

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Mandatory desexing would be wonderful. I also think that the government should subsidise desexing and advertise this to help reduce the numbers of stray cats. I absolutely love cats and it is the cruelty and negligence of humans that is responsible for stray cat colonies - not the animals themselves. I also think that education campaigns on responsible pet ownership should be run, particularly in areas where stray animal populations are high. These campaigns should also be run in multiple languages.

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Please consider humane treatments with Trap Neuter Release programs. Additional funding to cat rescue societies and shelters.

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Cats are killing the wildlife in my garden and use my garden as their toilet. Dogs are required to be kept contained and their toilet business has to be picked up when out in the public. Why is it different for cats?

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make desexing of all animals compulsory

- ban breeding of animals until there is a zero kill rate and we have all animals living on The street and in pounds homed

- support rescues and individual rescuers helping stray animals

- educate The public on TNR success rates

- raise awareness to The public on stray animals factually. Instead of blaming cats for The extinction of our wildlife, let people know it's humans causing The biggest rate of extinction and destruction so we are The ones who need to fix this

- educate The public on how they can help with stray animals by not abandoning their own animals or buying from breeders

- educate The public to desex their animals\

- educate The public if they wish to adopt an animal it's expensive and a lifetime commitment to avoid abandonments

- support TNR

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Desexing should be mandatory for cats owner. Regulations should allow Vets to report anyone who didn't desex their cats to the registry for an infringement fine.

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I believe better care for the cats in NSW in Australia is more funding to rescue organisations. These rescues spend thousands of their own money desexing these stray cats to Trap, Nueter and Release them. multiple studies have been done on the effectiveness of the TNR programs in USA They have shown that TNR works, if you relocate these stray cats more just come in to the territory. TNR reduces the amount of aggression in cat colonies which decreases the cat's own aggression which slow down their killing of Australian native animals . I believe there also needs to be more incentives for people to desex their animals. There MUST be laws put in place that allows renters to have cats, the amount of animals that have been dumped or killed just because a landlord won't let their tenants keep their beloved pets. It's disgusting and shameful. The only difference between your own cat and a stray one outside, is the walls in your home. That's it! The amount of animal abuse that is happening in regional NSW is disturbing and disgusting. These people or let off with a slap of the wrist or the police don't even investigate because a rescue has saved the animal. A cat was attacked with an electric screwdriver last year in Molong NSW by a man and the police refused to even talk to the man despite the evidence and footage against him, why? Because a rescue had taken on the cat. Animal abuse needs to be made a bigger felony with more severe consequences. Everyday I'm more and more ashamed of the way animals are treated in Australia. How am I supposed to have empathy for you or your families when you don't even have the decency to stand up the poor souls who don't have a voice! Australia needs to change the way they treat cats and they need to change their outlook on cats as well. You guys don't really give a shit about Australian native animals, that's been made abundantly clear by the lack of funding and care you give WIRES or the RSPCA. You use that as a scapegoat to hide behind when it's clear you guys just despise cats. Shame.Consider in other countries how this works without archaic cruelty imposed.

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1. Legalise TNR
2. Free desexing of street cats by community members.
3. Remove Lifetime Registration Fee-
4. Ban the use of the term 'invasive species' of cats. This has created so much hostility towards cats.
5. Harder punishment for animal abuse especially torture.
6. Education
7. Pet friendly rental bill

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I have made my submission here are the points/ area I can think of.

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Cats have an enormous devastating impact on our native wildlife. Roaming cats need to be contained under strict regulatory conditions and fines applied to those who do not control their cats movements. Populations of threatened ground dwelling species have very little chance of escaping predation. Chicks and marsupial joeys are always extremely vulnerable. It is well known that even one small puncture wound from a cat will result in the death of the predated animal. No amount of education of cat owners will prevent those substantial number of people who could not care less that their cat roams and hunts wildlife. Many of them being in denial. The community at large are sick of the weak laws and regulation holding cat owners to account. There is nothing more distressing to find injured and dead native wildlife caused by cats and finding that the owners keep allowing their cats to roam. Stronger legislation needs to be enforced and funding allocated to support the containment and eradication of roaming cats from out of the environment and neighbourhoods. Humane treatment of the cats being capture and contained, opportunities for adoption and rehoming should be part of the regulatory framework. Limiting the number of cats individual can own and keeping a register of offenders should also form part of the policy. Fining irresponsible cat owners would contribute significantly towards compliance.

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Strong, clear, resourced and enforceable cat confinement laws should be mandatory throughout Australia. They should not be able to be 'chosen' by state and/or local governments.

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I have been the owner of one cat.

I have a neighbour who claims to own one cat but who habitually feeds a number of cats and when challenged by a Council Ranger, claimed that these cats are feral.

Cats breed in this neighbour's premises. There are regular litters of kittens. Over the years I have taken at least 10 cats to our local pound where they are euthanised.

I purchased a cat trap for this purpose but have tired of the process.

I have found dead birds and dead blue-tongue lizards in our yard that have been killed by cats.

All these cats run free 24 hours per day.

These cats urinate and defecate in the premises of the surrounding houses and even on front door mats. The stench is sometimes remarked on by visitors to our house.

The suggestion that this is inappropriate cat management is ignored.

The attitude appears to be, "this is my house so I do what I like"!

I have doubts about the local council's ability to deal with such recalcitrance.

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I am a responsible cat owner. I have a harness for my cat and I take him for walks outside, just like dogs get walks. There is no excuse for people to let their cats outside because "they get bored or depressed inside". This is not a good enough excuse to allow cats to roam freely outside. I have a big property and we have a lot of possums at night. I have 3 times in the past 2 years come across an injured or dying possum or native bird and taken it to a WIRES vet. I have been informed it is most probably an injury from a cat, and cat saliva can kill them. it's very distressing to see the damage they can do to other wildlife. It angers me to see neighbours' cats roaming freely in my yard, especially when I previously owned a rabbit and had a secure run for him in my back yard to let him exercise. I would get a visit from a neighbour's cat, and this would stress him immensely and if I had not been there, the cat could have severely injured or killed him. My pets should have the right to feel safe and secure in my back yard, as well as wild animals.

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats kill our wildlife in vast numbers, and this is not acceptable. Our wildlife, skinks, lizards, water dragons, blue-tongued lizards, nesting native birds, eastern rosellas, rainbow lorikeets, owls, tawny frogmouths just to name a few are constantly being found dead in and around Baulkham Hills and especially noticed is it is the neighborhood cats that are killing these beautiful native animals. People should be made to keep their cats in a cat run in their own back yard or inside at all times to stop their cats causing such carnage to our wildlife. A cat run will give ample room for the cats to roam on the grass for exercise, but confined to that cat run so they are not able to get out onto the street or into their neighbours yards and cause death to our native wildlife (which I might add is becoming less and less as more people start owning cats which they allow to roam anywhere. Thank you and I hope something will be done about this cat problem.

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In our neighbourhood and backyard we have abundant native wildlife, including blue tongue lizards, rainbow lorikeets, ring tail possums, and more. We have sadly witnessed neighbours cats kill, after prolonged and painful "play", all of these species. It is more common than not that cat owners in Australia allow their cats to be outside day and night.

We also have a rural property which we actively manage for wildlife conservation, and we are also avid bushwalkers. In both of these settings we have witnessed the carnage that cats cause our native wildlife.

I am submitting a request that parliament enact legislation addressing these 2 aims:

- 1: compelling owners to keep domestic cats indoors 24 hours a day.
- 2: fully funding a radically more effective strategy to control feral cats.

Thank you

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I believe cats should have species equivalent restrictions as dogs. Even ignoring the detrimental effect they have on Australian biodiversity, their being outdoors affects their health due to the spread of feline AIDS, flu, etc and the out of control breeding.

I have personally tried to save a kitten found near a creek that was attacked presumably by another cat as it had its eye scratched out. After taking it to the vet with a mind to adopt her, the vet had to euthanasia her due to not only the physical attacks but also her succumbing to cat flu.

I am by no means someone who hates animals but I believe their needs to be restrictions not only for the native biodiversity that we are losing, but also for the cats themselves. Australian wild spaces are too much of a good thing for these excellent hunters.

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Lax cat ownership laws have been a long term concern if mine. Our native wildlife deserve better protection from our predatory privileged pets. Our needs and habits already impact their habitat and health. Please help them!

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To the legislative assembly

I feel cat indoor rules need to be enforced as it already is in most other States and Territories.

I work for local council as a Bush Regenerator western Sydney.

We quite often witness bird kills especially with fledglings and lower perching birds such as tawny frog mouths.

Within our own suburban back yard I have recorded 13 different cats during the night over a two week period.

I observed cats urinating on outdoor furniture and vegetables and herb gardens renders our outdoor space and garden unappealing to use.

I have found dead lizards and birds in our yard with wounds consistent with cat attacks.

We installed a bird bath which has become a place for cats to lay and stalk birds. We no longer fill the bird bath for this reason.

Quite a few of our neighbours have cats they do not allow in their own homes however are happy for them to roam in other people's yards and adjacent Bushland.

Please educate people in conserving our wildlife and implement rules.

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Cats should be contained and kept inside to preserve the native wildlife of Australia. Cat owners should consider alternative forms of enrichment for their animals because their presence is negatively affecting our ecosystems which will become critically endangered if we do not implement this fix.

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I strongly support the introduction of legislation that requires cat owners to contain their cats inside the home or in a cat run or 'catio'. I also support the introduction of mandatory desexing, microchipping and registration. I also support additional support for Councils to enforce these changes through amendments to the Companion Animals Act and additional resources.

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Name: Name suppressed

Cats are an introduced species. They are a menace to our native wildlife. Irresponsible pet owners allow cats to roam with no control over their behaviour. They should be made to live indoors only and/ or owners fined if found outside. Measures should be put in place to stop further breeding and eventually phase out any ability to own cats.

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Cats should be treated with the love they deserve.

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Name: Name suppressed

I grew up in England and came to Australia in 2006. It has been heartbreaking to me to see how cats are demonised and mistreated here through no fault of their own. Cats did not ask to be introduced to this country. But now they are here they deserve the same amount of protection and love as any other species. We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education, Please STOP THE HATE ON CATS.

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We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education,” can make a difference.

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Name: Miss Brittany Mannix

No idea what this means. Just save the cats!

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Name: Rebecca Livingstone

Considering the destruction of our environment and the hundreds of thousands Of wildlife killings by humans and result of human error, cars, development, introduction of other feral species it is us humans that need governing over owning pets. We are the reason and the sole reason feral cats have become an issue....reduce the ability for anyone to own and breed them. Make laws cats are to be inside only or in cat enclosures Desexing should be mandatory before selling cats....please consider to resolve the cause before the symptoms.

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Name: Mrs Susan Jeffrey

Humans are the problem, not the cats. Don't allow a policy that is in humane and will cause suffering and possible harm to cats that are already de-sexed. Education/Free De-sexing/Heavy Fines for any cats . Mandatory de-sexing by all breeders before kittens are handed over or big fines. More support for all the rescuers that are taking on colonies and doing TNR. They are doing the job. I personally took care of a colony at Rhodes. Many cats & Kittens running around. They weren't to blame. Got homes for 10 feral kittens once de-sexed. Got another 9 cats de- sexed and returned to residents that would feed them. 5 years later, no cats or kittens running around. TNR will work but there needs to be better support and funding. I paid out my pocket for everything including vet bills. I had resistance from the centre management to stop feeding the colony, but I solved the problem. Lots of people are helping to make a difference but they have no support from council/vets or government. This legislation will create a vigilante mentality. If you really want to take care of the feral population then give rescue groups and rescuers better funding and support.

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