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## INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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We are amidst a cat crisis.

For years government/councils have not recognised the broader problem that has only now come to a fore. Suddenly now the answer being put forward of culling cats when we have been screaming for desexing help for years.

There needs to be FREE desexing costs to stop the breeding. Tattoos in the ear mandatory.

Stop ads for FREE and undesexed cats on media such as Marketplace and Gumtree...there is no one policing these adverts.

Every Breeder needs to be Registered and show a registered number when they advertise their cats. Their cats should also be desexed when they home them.

Most of the breeds on the streets have been bought from a breeder as kittens and when their children stop playing with them, or they have to have litter cleaned its all too hard and they are let out to roam or give away UNDESEXED.

Dob in a backyard breeder and have it acted upon!

EDUCATION in schools. Starting with primary age children from 5 years to be gentle and learn how to handle a pet, that they are family members and should be loved all their life for 18 plus years. Not dumped or surrendered when life gets a bit tough.

Easier for renters to get rentals with their pets. A cleaning clause or similar may be applicable.

DESEX DESEX DESEX is the answer.

Killing street cats where they are in a managed colony and being fed, happy and not hurting anyone is ludicrous. You will be killing peoples pets as well.

STRICT INDOOR ONLY LAWS for pets.

Allow Managed colonies to be desexed and fed and they wont go looking for wildlife as food.

Television adverts showing how cats when indoors desexed, safe and happy live longer and healthier to promote the family pet and educate people.

Television adverts saying Dumping cats is an offence and will be acted upon with fines.

Lift the number of allowable cats in families so rescues can get more adoptions into safe homes.

TRAP, NEUTER, RELEASE to colonies or where fed stops BREEDING!!!!