

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

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The killing, and cruelty of killing the cats has not worked before. It is a barbaric way to eradicate a problem. A people problem at that.

It is a band aid - not a solution, to a much larger issue.

We need a rallying of funds, help and teams actually specifically sent out in force to capture, desex, and educate owners, the public and every one they can reach.

The killings are senseless.

It's like sweeping dust and dirt under a rug, the rubbish is still there, you can probably still see it and causes allergies.

If the government implemented an actual full scale (per council area) structure;

Which includes dedicated set ups/clinics/specialty room/s, travel trucks (1 of) , staff/volunteers, desexing programmes/heavily discounted (lets face it, people are finding it hard to get groceries let alone pay for a \$300 desexing of 1 animal approx.

Education! Why not implement them at bus stop signage banners - outside the usual box - more eyes to see and general public will show more interest to read. Pamphlets aren't always best honestly - spam/junk mail gets tossed out without being looked at most the time. Get it in peoples faces.

Legitimate rescues need these funds to set up more cages and help more animals - they are OVERFLOWING!! They are each and every single day turning people away. Not because they want to, they honestly can't keep up. Most of these rescues are volunteering their OWN time AND money to fix what SOCIETY and COMMUNITIES are making into CHAOS out there. The rescues are suffering mental and physical abuse a LOT of the time. Imagine having to turn away each one you can't help and crying over the guilt - because why should one be helped and the other sickly, malnourished and poor cat be turned away.

We are all living here, one life is not better than the next.

Ones, whether it be person or animals hurt and pains is no less than the nexts hurt and pains.

Killing programmes are just ghastly, nasty smoke and mirrors that don't work. They are barbaric, cruel and you're chasing your tails trying to do a quick fix on something that requires your actual energy to put something together for the greater good and properly done to achieve the desired result.

Desexing and microchipping programmes - heavily discounted - sometimes even free for those on pensions/disadvantaged.

That would be absolutely the way to go moving forward.

Without change there is no change.

You can't keep doing the same thing and expecting different results.

Listen to those out on the field not in the office.

The rental restrictions on pet owners also need to be looked at and allowing pet owners to be able to rent regardless of their pet ownership.

Can't believe this is still a major factor in not securing housing, and the owners/real estate will lie and say its for a different reason even if its actually because of pets so to not discriminate. Sadly a lot of animals are then sent to the pound or dumped - causing more of the problem.

Humans SOCIETY are creating these issues.

We need to fix it in a proper structured way that allows the problem to be trickled down and resolution found.

Using the above would be amazing. I highly believe those rescues need to be able to do more of what they are doing now. They are honestly the only ones doing the hard work out there.

So sad to know the government and those involved in these decisions can't see it from their offices.

Do the ground work with these rescues for 2 - 8 weeks and see what it really looks like. Go to the vets these rescues use to help these cats, it's very eye opening, sickening and saddening. The issues are on a much bigger scale than thinking culling them are going to fix "it".

Sincerely,