

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

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Dear committee, Please do not implement yet more unnecessary cruelty. It would be more humane to introduce free desexing and rehoming programmes. Free desexing would ensure that disadvantaged people could do the right thing and benefit from pets that provide mental and emotional support. It would also discourage abandonment in the face of high fees or fines. Cats are a domesticated animal and should be supported in a humane manner and not abandoned to street life where they really cannot support themselves. Many cats will often starve or spread disease when abandoned. Similar to the big cats, domestic cats need to learn to hunt however most domesticated cats are removed from their mother and do not learn survival hunting skills. A programme that rescues cats and rehome them would be far more humane. After all it's Human activity that accounts for more destruction of native animals and animal habitat than cats . It's human activity that should be looked at. It's humans that can be a force for good instead of yet another destructive cruel and inhumane just because it's easier. It's humans that are responsible for the domestication of cats we need to be responsible for their care. Roads alone kill huge amounts of animal, why can't We focus on projects that support animals with tunnels or overpasses for animals. Targeting cats and making them a scape goat is not the answer. Some animal curfew would be appropriate for eg not allowed out late at night. I am a responsible cat owner, my cats are inside, they do benefit from being outdoors for a short time but they only go out when I am with them, so they are monitored. Please implement free desexing and Humane cat rehoming programmes. Kind regards