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

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I write to urge the Inquiry into the Management of Cat Populations to consider all of the evidence about what works (and what doesn't work) in the management of cat populations. Please make recommendations that are humane and ensure that cats and kittens will be treated with the kindness and dignity that they deserve.

Killing programs are cruel and ineffective. Targeted, subsidised and well-promoted desexing and microchipping programs are effective, and provide the humane and kind response that all animals deserve.

My friend Nicole is active in her local community, in Campbelltown, working with a couple of cat colonies. These colonies are made up of cats who have been abandoned by irresponsible humans. Many of these cats haven't been desexed, and consequently keep producing litters of kittens. It is a terrible life for all of the cats and their babies, and annoying for local residents. Nicole gets out every night to feed the cat population. She has also humanely trapped as many cats as she can, taking them into her home to care for them. She works with a local Vet to desex and microchip the cats she rescues and ensures that any health conditions are treated. She recently rescued two pregnant cats. Sadly, one of these mother cats was in such poor condition that none of her four kittens survived. The other cat had a litter of four. Three of them are flourishing with the care that they are receiving in Nicole's home, although sadly one of this litter also died unexpectedly. Nicole works closely with a rescue organisation to re-home these precious felines and give them a chance at a happy, loving life, safe from the streets and cruel practices aimed at culling the cat population.

Please consider the evidence and make recommendations that will support Nicole and other selfless people like her who do so much to care for cats and give them a second chance at a good life, while getting them off the streets.