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

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I have been rehoming cats for the last 11 years and to educate the public would be a great start instead of telling the public that cats are bad and need to be eradicated. No animal brought into this country by our ancestors should lose its life simply because it doesn't belong here. We don't belong here either as many of us are European decent. To truly educate the public they need to understand that they can't feed colony cats unless they desex them first. Cats only breed if there is a constant food source. I think that the government should stop wasting their money on poisons that often find their way to our native animals and put that money into desexing all stray cats via our local governments. It also wouldn't hurt to have a law that states the cats should stay on your property just like a dog does, not the stupid law that says a cat is allowed to roam. Cats don't need to roam, it's just an excuse used by many owners. My own cats are indoor only and have an enclosed cat run outside and they are quite content to sleep on my bed all day. This law would then protect the cat and stop many of the problems that are caused by their owners that don't want to microchip and desex their cats. I've seen so many cats abandoned by their owners only because the cat got pregnant, it is truly heart breaking. Wake up and change the laws surrounding cats and make a better life for them and all the other animals and birds they are often accused of killing. As if we don't kill far more than they do in the name of progress.