

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

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Cat owners are responsible for their pets welfare. Allowing cats to roam freely is cruel to the cat due to the potential for numerous dangers. For instance poisoning from lethal traps distributed indiscriminately by the authorities responsible, from envenomation by snakes, tick borne infections, trapping by greyhound racing bait, dog fighting rings (on the rise). Cat owners must acknowledge the hazards presented by wandering cats in traffic zones. Attacks by dogs and animal abusers. And many other dangers to these beautiful companion animals.

Our native wildlife is struggling to survive. Massive cancers have spread throughout our precious land in the form of TOTAL ECOSYSTEM destruction in the name of providing 'affordable housing' for the poor and homeless (also on the rise).

There IS a better solution: All cats need to be neutered/spayed. Kept inside and allowed to roam in the owners locked garage at night enabling the cats natural hunting instinct by keeping feral non-native rodent population at a reasonable level. Then the need for rodent baits may one day be unnecessary (baits have a devastating toll on our native fauna).

Long term studies in the USA have proved that the trap/neutered/release (TNR) method works in effectively controlling feral cat populations. Nature hates a void, cats will re-populate areas where cats have been subjected to the lazy cruel and thoughtless cat control methods used at present. These measures are rendered null and void once consistent TNR methods have been employed.

Humans need a superior measure of our humanity. Cat poisoning and trapping is a key performance indicator.

Thank you,