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

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The terminology being used at this time about cats is alarming and extremely biased. The notion cats are feral if they are free roaming is simply not true. As owners we use both visible and invisible means to protect them from get lost in the situation they do either escape or are allowed daytime outdoor activities.

Firstly chipping is invisible, how are you going distinguish a cats situation from just looking at them? You require a RFID reader, from past cat sociality activities, these are not cheap and readily available in easy to use forms.

Secondly collars, can be choke hazards with quick release features or easily removed by hateful individuals, again how are you going to identify this before defining a cat is feral?

Thirdly, there are trackers on the market, I have used them for years. Why allow such consumerism? it's an obvious notion that cats are

Normally roaming pets.

In the city where most cats live, this is an engineered environment for humans not a habitat for endangered animals. If you think differently all you need to do is look at the traffic on the roads and the statistics on the effect of that on wildlife.

Furthermore cats have a 90 percent chance of passing the socialisation tests for re-homing way higher then dogs.

Lastly condoning the senseless hate towards cats politically will only increase the inhumane violence I seen, things like justified poisoning, cruel physical behaviour where the cat lost an eye, intentional dog attacks as they don't want they pet to be the next on the banned list. Even a nutcase that was skinning them for sport.