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

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Honourable Members,

The problem of cat control is initially a human caused problem, through lack of knowledge, lack of education and lack of care.

There is STILL a belief that it is good for a cat to have kittens-although there is no evidence this is the case. In general the sooner a cat is neutered the better and cats can become pregnant as early as four months of age.

This gives the potential to have three litters a year at least.

Promoting sterilisation as a health and cost benefit is essential and subsidising sterilisation is a highly cost effective way of controlling the cat population.

Male cats who are sterilised live longer, are less likely to roam and avoid many injuries and diseases as well as reducing the cat population.

Education is needed to show people the benefits of sterilisation in terms of their cat's health and the saving to their pocket for vet expenses.

Feral cat colonies are the result of human inaction and cruelty (dumping cats) and can be controlled by a spay and return policy.

Cat hater will always say of cats kill birds, so do horses by stepping on ground nests, so do humans in duck shooting grouse season etc. A well fed, well cared for cat, is less likely to hunt.

We should not condone cruelty in shooting or poisoning cats.

Adopt don't shop should be the mantra and pedigree cat breeders subject to strict control as to how many litters their cats can have.

Subsidising sterilisations and education must be at the forefront of the efforts to

carefully control the cat population.