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

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Killing cats to protect native animals won't work because the key issues have still not been addressed. Humans who have cats need to be incentivised to become responsible cat families. For this to occur, there must be free desexing for those who cannot afford to pay for the desexing of their cat(s).

Renters must be allowed to have their companion cats with them wherever they are living as this will avoid the continuous abandonment of cats who are often left at old addresses because their families aren't allowed to take them to their new residence.

Intensive cat farm operations must be outlawed and only rehoming options should be available to the general public in addition to the delivery of education about how to keep cats safely contained and the type of environment that will ensure a healthy and happy cat.

Deforestation must be halted as soon as possible and rewilding programs put in place to ensure native wildlife survival and to reduce extinction rates. Apex predators such as dingoes need to be protected as this will be the only way that a balance can be brought back into play. The intentional shooting and killing of native animals such as kangaroos and other macropods, possums, native birds, wombats must cease immediately to ensure the native flora can recover in which native habitats can once again flourish.

There must be significant funding put towards controlling the numbers of felines without a home and whom predate in bushland settings using humane methods only. There also must be a roll back on the vilification of cats and blaming cats for every native animals demise.

Those who work in the invasive species realm must walk their talk and stop funding the destruction of the land and habitats through their financial support of the breeding and killing of farmed animals and instead, choose plant based alternatives.

We must prioritise cat welfare and support humane management practices, including desexing and education.