

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

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1 - share awareness of responsibilities and rights of both tenants and landlords/strata to help reduce the tensions across the two. Reasons for not allowing a pet should be straightforward and simple with no loopholes, strata should strictly and absolutely have no say on allowing pets.

2 - higher bond (with clear guidance) should be allowed for renters who are pet owners to ensure additional damages that may result due to pets damaging the property is recoverable

3 - repercussions of not being a good pet owner should be well known and enforced

4 - public spaces should be more inclusive for pet owners and most open spaces should have pets (with leash) allowed in with owners taking responsibility to cleanup as needed

5 - desexing should be encouraged and indeed vouchers for lower and also middle income groups will help incentivise them taking their pets for it where the key hurdle is financial resources. what may also help here is to do some demographic research and based on that, have weekend drives in local areas with mobile vets to help increase the uptake

6 - dog and cat food prices should be regulated - prices of dog and cat food has gone through the roof

7 - while there are a lot of people who are unable to or do not want to take care of their pets, there are also a lot of people who would like to give these animals a home. there is no unified place that helps bridge the gap between them and a public/private run website that helps connect people who can not take care of their pets with those who are looking for pets will be a good thing to try, it might help reduce abandonment massively