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

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Cats should be kept indoors 24 hours a day.

Some people keep their cats inside only at night but cats also kill wildlife during daylight hours such as birds and lizards.

Also cats roam onto other people's properties and go into their homes and even sit on their beds.

I have personal experience with this. My neighbour's cat regularly wanders onto my property and enters into my back door which I sometimes have open to get some fresh air and the cat often comes inside my home and sits on one of my beds.

One occasion the door slammed behind him and he was left in the room when I wasn't home and when I came home and opened the bedroom door the cat had defecated on the bed. This same cat has also scratched my leg and blood came out. This cat also scratched my dog's nose. I live in Pittwater on the Northern Beaches which is a very environmentally sensitive area. Newborn brush turkey was born in my backyard and luckily I was home because I rescued this gorgeous brush turkey from being killed by my neighbour's cat. I tried talking about this politely to her but she said she didn't care about wildlife. She keeps her cat inside at night but I don't think this is good enough because there is so much wildlife during the day that cats destroy.

A lot of people think that because they feed their cat that their cat will not kill wildlife but I have done research and this is not true because cats hunt for fun and not because they're hungry.

Also people think that their cat isn't killing wildlife because the cat doesn't bring any wildlife home but I also researched this and apparently cats only bring home 15% of what they kill so they may not think that their cat is killing any wildlife but they can't really be sure about this.

Occasionally at night I can hear cats fighting in my backyard and they screech and make horrible noises and it keeps us awake.

I don't think cats should be allowed to roam because they are a nuisance and other neighbours don't want the cat to come onto their property but just have to put up with it because there are no laws that they can rely on.

I have emailed my local council many many times complaining about my neighbour's cat coming onto my property and they told me that New South Wales Government will not allow local councils to enforce cat containment laws but in Victoria and the ACT the local councils are allowed to bring in cat containment laws and so now they have really good laws but we don't have any in New South Wales which is really behind the times.

I have lots of wildlife that enjoy coming onto my property like kookaburras but I am worried about them because the neighbour's cat keeps coming onto my property and I'm worried that the cat is going to kill these beautiful Australian birds.

I have tried speaking to my neighbour several times to ask her to keep her cat inside but she refuses and so the cat keeps coming onto my property and into my home and also goes into my garage. She keeps telling me that I should be happy that the cat comes over to my home because her cat is friendly but this is not the point because I just don't want her cat coming onto my property at all. It is also a lot better for the cat's well-being if the cat is kept inside because I researched that cats that are kept inside live a lot longer than cats that roam.

because they have our very high chance of being run over when they are roaming around the streets.

Here on the Northern Beaches I live near Avalon and there are so many birds here because we have a lot of trees and I am devastated at the thought of these gorgeous beautiful birds being killed by cats. It's unfortunate that people don't do the right thing and just keep their cat inside and this is why we need legislation to make people do the right thing because they don't care about wildlife

Please allow my local council to bring in cat containment laws because it is so important for people to have legislation to rely on when the neighbors cat keeps coming onto their property and into their home at least they will be able to call the council and the council will be able to find the neighbour but at the moment we can't do anything and just have to keep putting up with it