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

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Subject: Inquiry into the Management of Cat Populations in New South Wales.

Addressed to: Invasive Species Council

In support of revoking and forbidding ALL inhumane methods that falsely suggest being a solution to the so-called cat population concerns, and their impact on wildlife. As the data suggests, cat attacks on wildlife only made up for 37 recorded incidents between 2022 – 2023. Among the highest was unsuitable environment and collision with motor vehicles. When are Humans going to take responsibility for their actions, rather than pointing the blame at innocent animals.

Rather than legalising barbaric methods, and call it a solution, there are many other long-term / sustainable and humane solutions to pursue. Starting with the root cause of all issues – Human Beings. We have created the problems we face today through our irresponsible actions. Implementing stricter regulations around desexing, and ensuring owners take more accountability for keeping their cats inside at night.

There is absolutely no denying that when it comes to who has the greatest impact on the environment, and the extinction of species, humans trump above all. In suburban cities, wildlife has to defend with cars, and housing developed on a constant basis which continually kill and impact Australian wildlife.

Please consider the many other alternative solutions posed with AJP which provide long-term, educational, and engaging solutions. We can do better and be better as a human race.

Regards

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