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

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How are you going to impose a curfew when cats can't read a watch? People also don't just work Monday to Friday 9-5. 5pm in winter is already dark but 5pm in summer is middle of the afternoon.

Cats are crepuscular not nocturnal so a curfew is largely ridiculous. Growing up everyone had pets, nobody cared if someone else's cat came to say hello in your yard. In fact it was nice for them to trust you and vice versa.

Instead you should be looking at free desexing and education as to how young a cat can be to get pregnant and the benefits of desexing.

Well fed cats don't chase as much. Cats natural instinct is to walk as much as 2kms. By trapping them inside all the time you're impeding their natural behaviours.

And nevermind the cost of cat proofing. Encourage this become discounted.

I have adopted a street cat and whilst I call him in at night if he can't go into the backyard during the day he cries. This is his enjoyment. He rarely leaves the property but if he did I still expect him to come home safely. He's microchipped (not that that is of any use typically) and desexed.

If someone was to intentionally hurt him I would be livid and want them charged regardless if he went on their property or not.

We need a better system than the microchip and easier to update. Council registration is an absolute joke and not worth the money. More Trap, Neuter, Release to help solve the breeding issues. Better education, better funding for vets, vet hospitals, shelters etc.

Pet bonds for tenants with animals