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

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Management of cat populations in New South Wales

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I am pleased to take the opportunity to make a submission into the Impacts and Management of cat populations in New South Wales

As a committee, you need to look at evidence-based solutions for cat welfare and wildlife protection in NSW, not anecdotal hatred and anti-animal propaganda from extremists' pro death parties like the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party or the National Party.

My two main concerns regarding management of cat populations in NSW (and Australia, in general) are:

1) Killing cats to protect wildlife hasn't worked before and it won't work now, it's cruel and doesn't solve the problem.

A NSW Government report supports large-scale desexing programs don't work; it shows (as well as the Invasive Species Councils own report) that killing programs are ineffective. The horrible and corrupted pro-hunting & killing political lobbyists - the invasive species council admits this in their own document. [1]

Unless hunters kill more feral animals than can be replaced each year, they do not reduce their populations. This fact is well recognised by feral animal experts, who have learned from past failures about the high levels of control need to achieve population reductions. The thresholds for population reduction vary between species, regions and seasons, but previous figures give some idea of how difficult it is to achieve, particularly of the most fecund species. It means that large numbers of wild animals can be killed for no environmental (or agricultural) benefit.

These figures explain why wild animal control generally can't be achieved by ad hoc hunting. They explain why a 2002-03 hunting bounty on foxes in Victoria did not work despite an apparently huge tally of 170,000 dead foxes.

[1] [https://invasives.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/fs\\_rehunt\\_NSWvfacts.pdf](https://invasives.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/fs_rehunt_NSWvfacts.pdf)

2) The constant, unregulated supply of cats into NSW (and Australia), particularly by breeders; be they backyard breeders or commercial breeders (such as clandestine shelters) leads to the problems we now face.

This inquiry will all be for nothing, if we don't stop the overbreeding of cats in this country. Breeding is out of control. There are no laws stopping anyone from setting up as a cat breeder in NSW.

The excessive amount of cats is the leading cause of all the problems we have.

Unless and until, we stop breeding of cats for profit, all these issues will continue forever. Proper Cat (and dog) population management is required, such as what they are doing in Europe [2]

We don't have to re-invent the wheel here, we can just work with policy that is already in place.

[2] [https://www.animalwelfareintergroup.eu/files/default/2022-09/29\\_09\\_2022\\_Population%20Management%20Report.pdf](https://www.animalwelfareintergroup.eu/files/default/2022-09/29_09_2022_Population%20Management%20Report.pdf)

The Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party are all pro-kill, that's all their party wants to do - There isn't an animal they don't want to put a bullet, hook or knife into. They are nothing more than a pro animal murder party, unfortunately, there are too many people who support their evil, unethical and psychopathic views. Please don't listen to anything they say, as they appear to hate every animal – The National Party isn't much better either.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Murphy.