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

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STOP the feeding bans for street, starving them is inhumane and not the answer and it doesn't work. If it wasn't for feeders many more native wildlife would probably be dead.

To achieve positive results outdated ideas like feeding bans must be removed and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs must be implemented instead. Through TNR the cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and ear tipped to indicate that they have been desexed. This alone will end the cycle of breeding and stabilize the cat population. It will also reduce the number of shelter intakes and the number of cats being killed especially when it's not the cats fault in the first place for being born on the street - ITS HUMANS FAULT. The laws are not strong enough for people that DO NOT desex their cats and then let them out at night to roam free and multiply. There needs to be a law to prevent this happening and stronger penalties put in place if not followed. It will prevent female cats constantly pregnant and kittens being born on the street and also stop mating behaviours like yowling and fighting. The laws need to be changed and desexing made compulsory. This is why we now have the huge problem with the population of street cats.

Cats and kittens are sold or just given away on Gumtree and other sites and this needs to be monitored more strongly.

More free and subsidised desexing programs are needed.

People that maintain colonies where all the cats have been desexed, vaccinated and are feed and cared for need to be supported more by councils and not abused and told to stop. We're actually doing what the council should be doing.