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

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To: The NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into Cat Populations in NSW

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a Submission to this Inquiry.

I am an animal lover. For the past five years, I have been the owner of a beautiful rescue cat.

I believe that anyone who owns a pet needs to be educated regarding mandatory microchipping, registration and desexing. All cats need to be kept indoors at night to protect our nocturnal wildlife. This is what our NSW Government and Local Councils should be promoting instead of trapping and baiting homeless cats.

I feel it is totally unfair to enforce 24 hour cat containment and this has been proved ineffective in other States.

I fully support free desexing programmes for rescue groups and those in the community who cannot afford the associated veterinarian costs. People need their pets. They have a positive effect on our mental health and wellbeing. Animal shelters in NSW are overstocked with animals due to the restrictions of pet ownership in rental properties. This, in my opinion, is a major failure of our government to protect families with pets seeking rental accommodation.

Human actions have also played a major role in the plight of our native wildlife. Land clearing for housing, agriculture and highways have had a severe impact on our biodiversity with habitat loss being a huge environmental disaster. Also, highly toxic poisons are widely distributed in our forests and parks which have killed our wildlife, particularly birds.

I hate to see our cats being demonised and urge this Committee to recommend actions which are not unfair and cruel and I thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely