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

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In addition to proposed ideas above, I also suggest 1) Mandatory desexing on all household cats before 6 months of age for kittens, or within 3 months of getting an older cat. 2) Discount vouchers also to be offered to public volunteers who help to trap homeless cats, which will significantly help to reduce feral population. 3) Connect with a council pound (animal shelter) to offer free desexing on feral cats who are caught by volunteers. 4) Ban selling of pets both dogs and cats in pet shops which will prevent impulse buy (and later abandonment) 5) Get the new policy out, keep public well informed, including people renting or just moved into the area. 6) Promotes Adoption instead of Buying of pets, cats, work with animal rescue groups and organizations, offer incentives to public to adopt, which will help to reduce over Supply. 7) Create State wide Registered Breeders register, promotes and encourage responsible breeding, monitor Supply and Demand ratio, hence help to prevent over supply. 8) Establish regulatory and control authorities, create and apply regulations. The revenue raised from registry (breeders) will help to fund the regulatory costs. It should be able to fund itself. 9) Ban back yard breeders, most importantly ban pet farms (puppy and kitten farms), will help to reduce over supply and improve animal welfare. Killing isn't the answer, and it's not ethical. All resources should be directed towards prevention and manage to keep cat population, both household and homeless, under control. And Demand of a cat as pets should equal to or succeed Supply.