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

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1. Make Trap Neuter Return legal. There is a huge underclass of cats abandoned by irresponsible owners who will never be desexed, fed or safe they give birth to untold litters of kittens who will never have the luxury of a home. Some prefer life on the street. It's the world's number one cat management practice that the government chooses to ignore. Local councils see it works in their area as they stop getting complaints from the public, they see a reduction in street cats, they don't have to kill cats. It's a win for cats, the community and the government.

I invite ministers to see the issues at the coal face.

2. Offer free desexing. Some people will never desex their cats but this would go a long way to stopping the breeding for people who want to do it.

3. Make any cat breeding illegal there is no such thing as responsible breeders. We see pure bred cats abandoned on the street along with moggies and the number is increasing.

4. Stop the over compliance for people trying to do the right thing. Registering cats and paying a late desexing fee for cats over 4 months old is penalising responsible people not people who have no intention of microchipping desexing or registering their cat. Again the government fails to recognise a huge subclass of cats for which we collectively are responsible for.

5. Make funding available for local cat rescue groups who spend thousands of their own money and blood sweat and tears trying to save and help cats living on the street.

6. Make the RSPCA actually spend a portion of their hundreds of millions of dollars they receive annually to helping to fix the issue by providing no or low cost desexing, advocating for TNR, and helping support local rescue groups, instead of referring all of their client calls onto smaller rescue groups who are one man band volunteer groups struggling to cope.

7. Stop RSPCA killing cats that enter their shelters as soon as they come in the door. They tell people they'll kill their cats and they do. Their vets openly admit they hate cats especially cats living on the street. While they have cat haters in their ranks cats will never be safe. Their kill statistics speak for themselves with NSW having the worst kill rates.

8. Protect all cats, not just owned cats but unowned community cats so they don't fall victim to cat hate and cruelty. As Alley Cat Allies report here; <https://www.alleycat.org/victory-ohio-supreme-court-rules-all-cats-protected-as-companion-animals-informed-by-alley-cat-allies-amicus-brief/>