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

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I'm an individual rescuer desexing and rehoming street cats. Many of us are doing this, using our own money and time because the problem is so out of hand, not only in Australia but worldwide. We are actually helping the council do the job for them and also trying to fix the problem irresponsible owners create by buying from breeders and not desexing their animals and abandoning them when they don't want them anymore. Councils in NSW have done case studies to show TNR works, euthanasia doesn't. By creating this curfew you are encouraging cruelty by people who will think it's ok to harm any cat on the street at night. You're encouraging vigilantes and also undermining the great work we are trying to do with street cats. In an ideal world we want every cat in a home, but many of us manage street cat colonies as there are too many cats on the street to give homes. This effectively means all our managed colonies will be euthanised

under your new proposal. I'm sick of hearing that cats cause so much destruction with our wildlife, it's actually humans including the government who's the biggest contributor of land clearing and poisonings etc who are actually causing our wildlife to become extinct or harmed, not cats. What if our own pets accidentally escape from our homes like many dogs do from backyards? They'll be euthanised for an accident, even though dogs aren't treated like this. You want easy solutions but this isn't actually going to help the problem, and you are creating so much cruelty and evilness with this plan. I do not support a cat curfew. Be decent human beings for once and find a kind solution by supporting us who are actually trying to fix the problem.