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

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I live in a part of Sydney that has a problem with stray cats over many years, my neighbour and I have desexed and care for several cats in our area and seen several others killed by cars and dogs, it seems to be a problem ignored largely by Government and Council, left mostly to unfunded Recue Groups with any funding going to the RSPCA who seem to have lost their credibility over recent times in that they seem to take the easy option of simply putting the animal to death. I do not pretend to have the answers and I understand that government and councils have many worthwhile things that need funding and that cats are generally not very popular, so my suggestion would be that government insist all councils must use a % of their rates say 2 or 3% to collect desex and impound all the stray cats in their area and the State government reimburses them for every cat that is collected until there is no longer stray cats in their area, the pounds then work with cat rescue groups (who must be registered with government) to find homes for the cats and the rescue is given an agreed fee for every cat that they can find a good home (perhaps 50% when rehomed and the remainder after 12 months if the cat is still with the family. There are many fine Rescue Groups with very fine track records and they should be the first registered, I would hope that over a 5 to 10 year period the number of stray cats would be minimal and the cost to both government and council would be greatly reduced and so would be the great stress that these humane people involved in rescue would be greatly reduced and probably not needed. Thank you so much for the chance to express my thoughts.Regards