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

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In response to threatened random euthanasia of cats

I would like to draw attention to the fact that these animals are usually Treasured family members who have gone for a short break, probably without permission, from their usual containment.

Most cat owners are conscious of the risks that already exist for their pets and take good measures to ensure their safety.

There is plenty of information available on the better management procedures and those that have proven more harmful or ineffective. For example please refer to the findings of RSPCAs 2018 report which shows Cat containment enforced laws on cats containment tends to lead to abandonment of the cat in areas where residents don't have the funds to pay fines.

Or the NSW govt commissioned report showing that large scale desexing instead of killing more effective With evidence that complete removal of a species creates a vacuum leaving room for other species to move in and create their own individual problems.

Community Cat Programs, providing free desexing and micro chipping in disadvantaged areas have proven more effective in reducing stray population.

Legalised or encouraged demonisation of cats leaves the opportunity for vengeful cruelty to go unchecked.

Education of pet owners towards their options in containment, microchipping and desexing has been shown to be the more effective means of managing cat populations

Please do not encourage or condone measures of eradication of cats. This would prove ineffectual, lead to wanton cruelty and infiltration of other species of animals bringing their own set of troubles into the vacated areas.