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

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Hello and Good day,

This is a letter I sent to Frank Carbone and Dai Lai Mayor of Fairfield council. Their reply was that they do not help fund with this nor do they care about the abandonment of cats or dogs in the area. All rescues and TNR was funded personally by Cabra Cats rescue and myself.

I have attached a copy of the average payments we have made.

We need a cat sanctuary for example in America there are many cat/animal sanctuaries.

This is not the animals fault. This is a people problem where people do not desex cats and in Southwest Sydney the DUMPING of pregnant cats and even 5 -6 month old kittens is absolutely atrocious.

My name is Lilly Froud and I Volunteer my services to Cabramatta Cat Colony Rescue which is a group of 5 Cat and Kitten Rescuers who work together collaboratively to help the Community in aid of rescuing many cats and kittens.

As you know there are countless problems in our areas with homeless cats and kittens who have been either dumped or abandoned. There are many kittens being born due the fact that the older cats being dumped are not desexed. Some of the health of the cats has deteriorated by getting cat flu, eye infections needing eye removal, teeth removed and other sicknesses.

We currently receive the half cost \$40 to \$60 dollars for De Sexing rescue cats. This however only covers half the desexing costs and Volunteer Cat Rescuers such as myself can become out of pocket by hundreds of dollars extra. For an example, I trapped a homeless cat at Fairfield Heights that had a bulging eye. The female cat I call Jessie was then desexed, vaccinated and had to have her eye removed. The cost was \$600.00. I also had another rescue cat at the same time who was getting desexed and had 3 teeth removed and the cost was \$700.00. As you can see this has caused some rescuers to owe Vet Fees in excess of \$2000.00 dollars at a time.

I have attached a spreadsheet graph of the costs of 1 rescuer as this reflects the same pattern across the board for the Volunteers who also spend their own money with feeding and caring too. We are asking the Fairfield Council and yourself if you could please at least cover the full Desexing Costs of male and female cats and kittens as soon as possible.

We believe it is our Duty of Care to ensure the safety of all involved and to the animals that have been abandoned and dumped in many areas sadly and negligently. I look forward to your reply.

Thank you,

Lilly Froud