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

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Recently the NSW Government quietly posted an inquiry into Cat Population management. There was very little information released except a one page terms of reference.

If you care about cats, you cant let this go unnoticed and you should respond, and think not only of yourself or your cats, but the other cat owners and people who are not as fortunate as you.

2 years ago a man in North NSW happily caught his neighbors cat, he posted a video online of him trapping then drowning the cat in a wheelie bin. He posted the whole thing delightfully on social media.

This is what happens when people see words like "cat curfews".

This inquiry will have a deluge of responses from people who want to harm cats. Though the enquiry likely means well, and is seeking community response, these can also be a magnet for people who would happily take your cat and drown it.

If this is done wrong, the pounds and shelters will be overloaded (as will we) with cats, and tens of thousands will die.

So we encourage you to have your say, and expand the brief beyond curfews and into other important areas of community,

- The legalisation of TNR Programs, and support for the rescuers that focus on reducing colony sizes.
- Implementation of funding support for rescuers that run desexing programs.
- Ways to take assertive action with cat hoarding without punishing the cats.
- Improvements to education and support in areas that have religious, socio economic or other drivers that bring population challenges.

Please do the right thing for all animals involved.