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

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The stray/feral cat population issues are a human made issue that needs to be addressed. Stricter rules and increased support regarding desexing cats need to be implemented as well as harsher punishment and better regulation to hold owners accountable for registering, desexing and caring for their animals. I personally have had to buy a human cat trap and spent weeks feeding and luring a young mother cat and her litter of kittens to be trapped and had to scour Facebook for non government funded organisations who would take the cat and kittens in. This story is not unique, I am part of many groups online and there is an endless barrage of messages for help coming from members of the public who want to help or simply want stray cats removed but have no where to turn to except unofficial rescue groups. Most people are unaware of desexing vouchers and have to pay for stray cats to be desexed out of their own pocket. Some people are not willing to do this and so choose to not intervene and put up with litter after litter of stray kittens and cats.

I would like to see the government make choices that help these animals instead of just treating them like a pwt that needs to be exterminated. These animals were all at some point owned or bred by humans and we have a responsibility to manage this problem with kindness and humane solutions. I am strongly against the inhumane control and disposal of cats or any animal.