

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Abby Brown

Dear sir madam

I wish to lodge a submission to ask for a change to the legislation regarding domestic cats.

I strongly wish to have a 24/7 cat curfew introduced with mandatory microchipping and desexing.

Also a limit on the number of cats allowed per household.

The damage being done to what is left of our native wildlife in our towns and cities must be stopped.

There are also the many health challenges that roaming domestic cats can present.

Toxoplasmosis and round worm and hookworm infestations being a real concern.

Please consider this submission and thank you for your time.

Abby Brown

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Name: Alexandra Seddon

Dear Animal Welfare,

It would be impossible for me to know the exact number of native animals who have come into my care as the result of contact with cats.

Possums, Feathertail Gliders and birds have been so frequent. They always need 5 days of antibiotics even if they show no mark from the cat. Otherwise they seem fine for 3 days and then just die.

The entire cat family (lions etc.) do not mind being confined, so long as they have comfortable accommodation and food. Konrad Lorenz showed us that many years ago.

Cat owners **MUST** take responsibility. It is time for serious penalties for cat owners who allow them outside.

Kindly,

Alexandra Seddon

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Anderson Quigg

Stop the demonisation and wanton suffering of cats through neglect of people and lack of oversight and regulation by governments.

I know that feral cats are catastrophic to the Australian environment, but put the blame where it should be. Make cat breeders more responsible and place stricter regulation on breeders. Make them more responsible to record who they are selling them to and make sure that the information is correct. All breeding of all animals should have stricter oversight. They should be held more accountable when they don't. As should owners who allow them to run free, especially at night.

If a person is incapable of keeping cats inside or providing 'cat runs' in their yard, then they shouldn't be allowed to own a cat or any other animal.

Create a registry of people who have proven in the past that they are incapable of properly controlling and caring for animals, and ban them from having animals in the future. Make cruelty against animals a much more severe offence. The cruel treatment of animals in general and cats in particular, has been shown to be an indicator of much worse behaviour in the future. Serial killers have a demonstrated history of animal torture, again, especially against cats, in their younger years.

And put more funding in organisations like the RSPCA and stop wasting it on other ridiculous organisations and agendas such as 'The Voice' and other 'Woke' ideals.

Anderson Quigg

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Name: Ann Morgan

I have been a cat owner all my life, and now, as a Wildlife Carer I see daily the destruction that cats can have on our wildlife population. Daily animals come into care and are killed by cats. They suffer injuries that often are unfixable and their suffering is acute. My cats, now old have never been allowed out, they are now 18 and 19 years old, and they have reached that age because they have been kept inside. Cats will always be cats and they are hunters. My cats are never alone with the wildlife in my care, simply because they can't be trusted regardless of their age. For the welfare of our wildlife and our pets, cats need to be kept inside or have an enclosed outside room. Please make this legislation to ensure our cats live long and healthy lives and for the welfare of our wildlife. Thank you. Ann Morgan.

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Name: Anne van Roekel

Given the enormous damage cats are wreaking on native Australian small animal populations, I am writing to strongly support the following actions.

Amendments to the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 to enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats at a local level, bringing NSW into line with almost every other state.

State government funding of a minimum of \$9 million to fund compliance, and education programs.

Requirements for all local governments to develop companion animal management plans to protect wildlife, as is required in Victoria.

Development of a state-wide web resource for responsible pet ownership.

Making desexing mandatory state-wide by 4 months of age, as is required in WA, Tasmania, ACT and SA.

Anne van Roekel

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Name: Bob Clark

As a resident of Mosman and not a cat owner, I often see the two next door cats in our back garden. We have often found dead animals under our clothes line as the cats are allowed out all day long. They are lovely cats but their natural instincts mean all small animals and insects are at risk. Preventing nocturnal hunting would be a great start.

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Name: Brian Beveridge

Hello,

Please find below my submission to the Inquiry into Cat Containment laws in NSW.

My wife and I live in semi rural NSW. We own a dog, but not a cat. If our dog wanders into our neighbour's yard and kills anything, then it is subject to various restrictions and we can be fined.

If our neighbour's cat comes into our yard and kills anything, then there are no consequences. In fact we are not even allowed to catch the cat in order to stop it killing things.

I'm sure many people will present you with the damning statistics concerning how many birds and animals cats kill, so I wont repeat them. However, perhaps a good starting point for any law concerning the keeping of domestic animals could be that all domestic animals should do no harm to other living creatures. From that principle you could develop good laws.

Thanks for your work and I look forward to hearing the results of the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Beveridge

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Brian Watters

As a resident of Mosman, and a cat owner, I am very concerned about the impact roaming pet cats are having on our native wildlife. I therefore support sensible amendments to the law to enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats, bringing NSW into line with almost every other state.

I am therefore calling on the NSW Government and the Animal Welfare committee to support:

Amendments to the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 to enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats at a local level.

Regards,

Brian Watters

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Bronwyn Rodden

I am a resident of Valla Beach which is bordered to the north and south with nature reserves, and have been concerned with the impact of roaming pet cats on our native wildlife.

I have participated in a letterbox drop in our village two years ago asking cat owners to keep their pets in at night, and if possible, during the day.

We all know by now the devastation caused by cats, both pet and feral.

I support amendments to the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 to enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats at a local level, bringing NSW into line with almost every other state. And that:

- State government funding to fund compliance, education, desexing, identification and registration programs.
- Requirements for all local governments to develop companion animal management plans to protect wildlife, as is required in Victoria.
- Development of a state-wide web resource for responsible pet ownership.
- Making desexing mandatory state-wide by 4 months of age, as is required in WA, Tasmania, ACT and SA.

Yours,

Bronwyn Rodden

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Dear animal welfare,

Whilst I love our native fauna, I am concerned for their welfare.

I am also concerned for the welfare of the cat's, we humans brought to this country.

I would like to express to you that I would not like to see a law that bans cats from daytime outdoor expeditions. But would certainly support a curfew on Cats being allowed to wander unchecked at night between the crepuscular evening hours and dawn. I believe It would be of great benefit to all, that we control cats during the evening hours.

Warm Regards

Il Owner of six cats, Not by choice. Due to mitigating circumstances.

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Name: Christian Palzer

Birds in my garden, especially superb fairy wrens, yellow faced honeyeaters and silvereyes have been decimated by feral and domestic cats hunting in my one acre garden. Blue tongue lizards have also been attacked in daytime. Please help to limit the killing perpetrated by cats. Christian Palzer

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Christine Ball

I am not supporting this bill due to inhumane procedures implied in the proposed eradication. Cats are domestic animals, to no fault of their species are they abandoned by humans. I support alternate processes such as compulsory desexing of cats and strict regulations regarding breeding. Only registered breeding businesses should be permitted in the state. With regulations similar to horse breeding. Again compulsory desexing for non registered taxpaying businesses.

Christine Ball

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: David Davis

I have often said that "control in NSW" is an oxymoron. Most cat owners are aware of the damage that feral cats do in the bush, but ignore the harm that domestic cats do in the suburbs. Cats are a major reason why there is no wildlife in cities and suburbs. They wake people up at night, spread filth and smell, and dig gardens up. They spread toxoplasmosis. When a dog barks at a roaming cat the dog owner gets into trouble, but cat owners are immune from responsibility from any damage that their cats do. Why is that? My daughter's dog was attacked in the street by a neighbour's cat, but the law does not recognise a cat attack. Why is that? It's because cat owners and the pet industry wrote the current rules.

Cats should be restricted to their owners property unless they are on a leash or in a cage, just as dogs are.

Regards

David Davis

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: David Langley

Hello,

My back yard literally backs onto Lane Cove National Park, about which I'm a keen observer. I have two infra-red motion caption cameras permanently set up keeping me informed as to what is going on in my back yard in the wee hours. Occasionally I get a real thrill and see possums saddle-backed by their joeys, or even bandicoots ambling by. Unfortunately, far more frequently I'm seeing a huge array of cats, out on the hunt in the middle of the night, many with prominent collars indicating they likely belong to someone.

I think it is high time cat owners bear responsibility over what their pets get up, so would fully support, at the very least, a night-time curfew, or anti-roaming laws, as exist in other states.

We owe this to our native wildlife!

Regards,

Dr David Langley

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Elizabeth Dodsworth

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Minnamurra in the electorate of Kiama and like many other members of our community I am concerned about the damage caused to native wildlife by roaming pet cats.

I support sensible amendments to any laws that would enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats in NSW.

We live in a beautiful natural environment and have personally experienced damage to native wildlife (nests destroyed, eggs damaged, young birds killed) as well as continual fouling of our gardens by roaming pet cats .. especially at night.

We need laws to ensure that pet owners keep their cats contained within their own properties 24/7.

I am therefore calling on the NSW Government and the Animal Welfare committee to support reform in this matter.

Regards,

Elizabeth Dodsworth

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Frank Simpson

Dear Members

RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP IN NSW

Approximately 96 million native mammals, birds and reptiles are killed by roaming pet cats every year in New South Wales. We can't change the nature of cats, but we can change the culture that allows pet cats to roam and kill.

Hundreds of thousands of roaming pet cats are sending our suburbs silent.

In 2023, damning research released by the Australian National University found that roaming pet cats kill around 66 million native animals each year in Sydney alone.

This means communities are powerless to introduce one of the easiest and highest impact policies to protect local wildlife.

24/7 cat containment across the state — a simple action that would have enormous benefits for our native wildlife.

Cat containment would be a win for cat owners too. Evidence shows that pet cats that are responsibly kept at home can live up to 10 years longer than if they were free-roaming.

By changing the laws to allow local councils to bring in cat containment rules.

Yours sincerely

Frank Simpson

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Geoff Bartram

This is a no brainer. NSW has some of the weakest cat containment laws in the country, not because we don't lose thousands of native animals to cat predation but because our legislators have turned a blind eye to the problem. I have a citizen science camera survey program operating in Murrumbidgee National Park and cats and foxes are often captured on film in remote areas of the park. I often see both with the prey they have caught. Would you like me to send these photos to you so you too can understand what a huge negative effect they are having on our wildlife?

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Name: Ivan White

Dear Sir/Madam

In our view the prevention of pet cats from roaming onto neighbouring properties and into bush land is a no-brainer given the death and destruction of wildlife attributable to roaming cats. We live next door to pet cat owners who allow their cat to roam at will. We have observed it stalking and catching birds and wreaking havoc with the local skink and small lizard population.

We urge the NSW parliament to promptly update the laws regarding the management of pet cats before further damage and destruction is done to our precious wildlife.

Thankyou

Yours sincerely

Ivan and Clare White

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Jane Gye

I urge the NSW government to legislate for cat containment to curb the loss of wildlife.

There is a general feeling that cats should be kept in at night but much wildlife is around during daytime, so 24 hour containment is the only effective option. It is applied in the ACT, or is currently being phased in as far as I know.

I had a personal experience some years ago in suburban Sydney when I was trying to protect a white-browed scrub wren pair and its eggs from a neighbour's cat. I asked the owner to keep the cat indoors but they refused. A week or so later the distraught owner came to my door asking if I had seen her lost cat (I presume inferring that I had 'done it in').

Fortunately she did find the cat, but I hoped it showed her that keeping her cat indoors at all times was the safest thing for the cat and best for her peace of mind.

The benefits to wildlife would be even greater I imagine.

Yours faithfully

Jane Gye

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: John and Liz Lawes

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask that amendments are made to the law to enable local governments in NSW to enforce anti roaming laws for pet cats equal to those laws in Tassie,ACT,WA and SA.

All manner of birds,lizards,frogs etc are being killed regularly in our garden and in the gardens our friends and family members by known (roaming)domestic cats.

We are powerless to prevent this happening.

I believe in this day and age it is essential that cat owners be required,by law,to prevent them from roaming.

Yours sincerely,

John Lawes

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: John Blyth

I have personal experience of neighbours' cats roaming through my garden, by day and night, killing reptiles that I am trying to attract and protect.

I understand that many people love their cats, and fail to understand [or don't care about] the appalling carnage they inflict on native wildlife.

It is time to legislate that all cats must be kept in doors, or in an enclosed cat run, with penalties for lack of compliance.

I believe that cats who are not allowed to hunt, actually live longer, healthier lives.

Faithfully,

John Blyth

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Name: John Clarke

Hi. I live in Fingal Bay a small community in Port Stephens, NSW. As a resident over the past 50 years I have watched the population of cats increase as there has been an influx of retirees who have resettled in Fingal. I cannot comment on the impact that cats have had on small mammals however I have noted the remains of numerous birds has increased. Any law change that would make cat owners more responsible for their pets would be greatly appreciated. Thank you John Clarke

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Name: John Reeves

As a resident of Gladesville, I am very concerned about the impact roaming pet cats are having on our native wildlife. I therefore support sensible amendments to the law to enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats, bringing NSW into line with almost every other state.

We can't change the nature of cats, but we can change the culture that allows pet cats to roam and kill. We urgently need responsible pet ownership, and this starts with clear rules to ensure pet owners keep cats contained to their property to save our native wildlife.

This reform should be accompanied by funding for education, compliance and to make desexing and registration easier. We also need clear rules around desexing by 4 months of age to prevent unwanted breeding and requirements for all local governments to develop and implement companion animal management plans.

I am therefore calling on the NSW Government and the Animal Welfare committee to support amendments to the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 to enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats at a local level, bringing NSW into line with almost every other state.

Regards,

John Reeves

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: John Russell

I understand that cats both wild and domestic cause significant loss of native animals.

Since cats are a danger, they need control,

I also understand that other authorities in Australia have applied restrictions on ownership of cats and request that NSW adopt the strongest practices to preserve wildlife.

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Name: Karen Gregory

Good afternoon.

I write to support anti-roaming laws for cats in NSW, in line with bylaws across much of Australia.

As a cat owner, I know the joy a cat offers as a pet. However as a near-perfect predator in the Australian context, they have been catastrophic for our naive Australian fauna. Our unfortunate position as a world leader in mammal extinction is due in very large part to the domestic cat.

Pet cats live longer and healthier lives when contained safely at home. Social licence for cats to roam needs to be removed as part of a push for education, compliance, desexing and registration. Some consideration may need to be given to subsidise cat litter as some owners may economise on upkeep by allowing their pet outdoors for toileting.

In addition more education about the native creatures we are saving from extinction when registering pet cats would also be welcome.

In view of the above, I encourage overdue changes to the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 to:

- allow local government the ability to enforce anti-roaming laws
- mandate local authorities to develop plans to protect wildlife
- make cat desexing mandatory by 4 months of age.

Sincerely, Karen Gregory.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Karl Martin Augustine

Please find my Cat Management Submission for NSW.

Feral cats per CSIRO report are killing two billion native animals a year.

We need Gene Drive technology where cats have male only kittens passed on from one generation to the next.

We need more use of Felixer grooming devises with 1080.

We need to use drones and DNA samples and cat tracking dogs to totally eradicate all cats on every island.

We need to vastly expand car feral animal free exclusion fencing.

We need bounties on feral cars.

We need NPWS to include shooting of cats in National Parks.

With regards to uncontained pet cats

NSW STATE GOVERNMENT needs to change the animal companion act NSW 1998 which allows pet cats to free roam.

Two in three uncontained pet cats die ten years earlier than contained cats.

Pet cats uncontained kill 546 million animals of which 323 million are native each year. In Greater Sydney Region alone pet cats kill 112 million animals of which 66 million are native each year.

Pet cats uncontained kill 550 Australians and 18,500x hospitalisations and 125,000 cases a year with toxoplasmosis, cat scratch disease and cat round worms. Costing health 6 billion a year.

14 x councils in NSW who want to implement 24 7 cat containment laws are hindered by NSW State Government.

Only NSW and WA don't have pet cat containment 24 7

Best regards

Karl Augustine

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Kathryn Broadfoot

Dear NSW legislators,

I have recently discovered that my local Wollongong council has absolutely no powers to prevent a neighbour's cat roaming freely in our well-covered native garden block . The council claims I need to send a photo of the cat with a native bird or lizard in its mouth before they can take action. That action, when it boils down, is a slap in the wrist fine.

This task to photograph the cat eating wildlife , is an impossible quest as I am disabled and not able to move fast enough to get such a photo. Our water dragons and baby birds are disappearing once again, as spring sees new hatchlings.

I have been fighting the issue over this particular cat for years and have got nowhere.

Cats should not roam freely in our suburbs.

Hopefully this email will contribute to help save the wildlife being consumed in our yard, by these roaming vicious carnivores, Sincerely, Kate Broadfoot

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Lowana Chapman

HI..IT IS VERY DISTURBING THAT CATS ARE SUCH KILLERS..THEY JUST LOVE DOING IT BUT OF COURSE THEY ARE PETS WHICH SO MANY PEOPLE LOVE TO OWN. I HAVE FOUND CATS JUST SITTING, STARING AT SOMETHING THEY HAVE JUST KILLED IN MY GARDEN..EVEN TINY BABY BIRDS..AND OTHERS SO WOUNDED THEY CANT BE SAVED. OWNERS OF CATS SHOULD BE MADE TO KEEP THEM INSIDE THEIR PROPERTIES AND INDOORS AT NIGHT AND WEAR A COLLAR WITH A TINKLING BELL ATTACHED AND THE OWNERS PHONE NUMBER SO IF FOUND IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME THE OWNER CAN BE NOTIFIED. A FAMILY LIVING NEAR ME HAVE 5 CATS AND THEY HAVE BEEN TAUGHT NOT TO LEAVE THEIR PROPERTY AND THE CATS ABIDE BY THIS, WHICH IS GREAT AND THEY ARE ALWAYS KEPT INSIDE AT NIGHT.

PLEASE HELP SAVE NATIVE BIRDS AND ANIMALS AND MAKE IT A LAW TO KEEP CATS IN THEIR HOMES.

THANK YOU.

LOWANA CHAPMAN.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Maggie Beven

Dear Mr Kemp,

I live in Valla NSW, in a semi-rural setting. I have lived here for 20 years and am most concerned about the effect domestic [and feral] cats are having on the local wild-life.

The statistics of small animal and bird deaths are alarming, and since it seems most hunting by cats is at night, requiring cat owners to keep them contained would seem a good compromise.

It seems NSW is one of the few states that doesn't have legislation to require desexing, and registration can be seen by some as difficult.

I am therefore calling on the NSW Government and the Animal Welfare committee to support:

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Yours sincerely,

Maggie Beven

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Name: Martin Langford

Dear Parliamentary Inquiry,

We all like cats.

But if we have the knowledge, our job is to be stewards of the environment, not ignorant contributors to its demise. A lot of education still has to be done here. But some of the birds are running out of time, and we don't have time for a gradual generational change.

Please start to put pressure on cat owners to consider their responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Langford

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Martin Schulz

Hi there

I would like to make a submission to the Roaming Pet Cat Inquiry:

I live on a 5 ha mostly Bush block at Coledale in the Illawarra. We have/had a large amount of wildlife present. However, over the last two years or so a number of species have disappeared. This included ground-dwelling birds, in particular the Logrunner which is close to the southern edge of its range, Bassian Thrush and the Yellow-throated Scrubwren. Remote cameras indicated this was due to a roaming pet cat that had an obvious collar. It was photographed on a number of occasions with these birds plus several bandicoots and ringtail possums in its mouth. We employed a cat trapping expert but he was unable to catch it. So this unwelcome cat is still roaming our property smashing the biodiversity values of it. We are SO frustrated that this is happening and would welcome any moves to halt the roaming of these killers!!!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require more information or whatever.

Cheers

Martin Schulz

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Name: Merilyn Kelly

Cats are gorgeous pets. They're funny, haughty, independent and beautiful. And they're killers of course. Unbelievably, they kill 66 million native animals a year in Sydney alone. That statistic is from research conducted by the ANU in 2023.

I'm a resident of Wollongong and I ask the NSW Government to support Amendments to the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 which would enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats, bringing us into line with almost every other state in Australia.

Even the RSPCA recommends against allowing cats to roam uncontrolled, saying that cats can be safe, happy and active if the right balance between secure outdoor access and indoor living is met. As they point out, keeping cats contained within your property keeps them safe (from poisoning, attacks, traffic and picking up diseases) and keeps birds and native animals safe.

Survival is hard enough for our native wildlife at the moment. This amendment would be one positive in our shameful record of protecting nature.

Yours sincerely

Merilyn Kelly

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Michael Leahy

I am a resident of Tumbarumba and have planted many native plants in my yard in an effort to provide some habitat for small birds, insects and other native creatures. It is always depressing to find cats, usually pets from nearby houses, are using my yard as a hunting ground for these native creatures.

I implore you to protect our native wildlife by putting restrictions on cats, especially on their freedom to roam and hunt by making pet owners responsible for keeping their pet inside the boundaries of their own property.

I do not want to play host to someone else's pet. I do not want to trap cats on my property, I want cats restricted to the property of the owner. That is not unfair or unreasonable and the sooner it happens the better.

Yours, Michael Leahy.

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Michelle Myers

To whom it may dearly and compassionately concern,

I have been involved with various charity cat welfare groups as a volunteer for many years and my partner is a former veterinarian nurse, so I have seen what these poor cats go through at the hands of irresponsible human beings.

COMPULSORY DESEXING LEGISLATION needs to be brought in (with "reputable" cat breeders excluded), if you are serious about getting cat populations down.

Shooting or poisoning these cats to reduce the cat population is totally inhumane, cruel and stupid as it is not going to fix the problemperiod!!!

If the government decides to go ahead with such illogical reduction plans, it will be as irresponsible as the citizens who did not do the right thing in the first place and that is to DESEX the cat!!

Kind Regards,

Michelle Myers

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Neil Fraser

The Hon. Emma Hurst MLC

Chair, Inquiry Into the Management of Cat populations in New South Wales.

I write to urge the committee to recommend urgent changes to the Companion Animals Act 2018 as amended. The Act must be further amended to require all domestic cats to be registered, microchipped, desexed and fully confined at all times. Enabling legislation to allow Local Councils to implement and enforce containment is essential.

The scientific evidence of the damage that cats, feral and domestic, do to our native wildlife is overwhelming and irrefutable. The Zero Extinction 3030 initiative of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Threatened Species Framework will not be achieved without this change.

Neil Fraser

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Penelope Diakiw

Dear Mr. Cross,

I live in your electorate of Davidson and I worry about the impact roaming pet cats are having on our native wildlife especially the reptiles. It is a shame that some cat owners allow their cats to roam and therefore come into contact with local fauna and be in a position to kill it.

Friends of mine have cats which live happily in apartments and houses with no access to the outside. Maybe it is the job of the NSW government to inform cat owners of the damage their cats can inflict if allowed to roam and that cats can live happily if contained.

I am therefore calling on the NSW Government and the Animal Welfare committee to support:

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Yours sincerely,

Penelope Diakiw

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Name: Peter Kalousek

Cats are destroying our heritage .

West of the Great Dividing Range there needs to be a bounty on feral cats.

Suburban areas cats must be registered, live cat trapping allowed,bounty paid for unregistered cats.Cats registered but wandering the streets owners fined, 3 times then cat put down.

Peter Kalousek

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Peter Olive

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about the impact roaming pet cats are having on our native wildlife. I support laws to enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats, particularly where those councils are near National Parks and other protected areas.

Domestic cats kill approximately 96 million native mammals, birds and reptiles every year.

We urgently need responsible pet ownership, and this starts with clear rules to ensure pet owners keep cats contained to their property to save our native wildlife.

This reform should be accompanied by funding for education, compliance and to make desexing and registration easier. We also need clear rules around desexing by 4 months of age to prevent unwanted breeding and requirements for all local governments to develop and implement companion animal management plans.

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Kind Regards,

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Yours,

Peter Olive

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Name: Peter Wood

Dear sir/ madam

I'm writing in support of the granting of powers to local councils to enforce the containment of cats to their owner's residence in an attempt to limit the decimation of native wildlife.

We see first hand what happens when cats are allowed to roam our native garden and surrounding bush land and kill the local wildlife.

Yours sincerely,

Peter and Sue Wood

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Robert McDonell

Submission

I live in very urban MEREWETHER and have Blue-tongue Lizards, Geckos and many birds in my yard and I am well aware of cats roaming and hunting in my yard, both day and night.

As a resident of MEREWETHER, I am very concerned about the impact that roaming pet cats are having on our native wildlife. I therefore support sensible amendments to the law to enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats, bringing NSW into line with almost every other state.

Robert McDonell

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Robert Seale

To who it may concern

I am sick of our neighbours' cats roaming onto my property, killing native animals, and our local council having no mechanism to address this issue. As a resident of Gloucester, I am deeply concerned about the harm that roaming pet cats cause to our wildlife. I support changes to the law that would allow local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for cats, aligning NSW with most other states. With approximately 96 million native animals killed by roaming cats each year in NSW, it's clear that responsible pet ownership is urgently needed.

Keeping cats indoors not only protects our wildlife but also benefits the cats themselves, allowing them to live longer, healthier lives. I urge the NSW Government and the Animal Welfare Committee to support amendments to the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 for local enforcement of anti-roaming laws, provide at least \$9 million for education and compliance, and require all local governments to create companion animal management plans. Additionally, I advocate for mandatory desexing of cats by four months of age to prevent unwanted breeding, as seen in other states.

While the destruction feral animals are causing within our nearby National parks feel a lost cause, a simple bureaucratic adjustment and minimal funding could go a long way to at least achieving some positive steps closer to home.

Kind Regards,

Rob Seale

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Ros Vaughan

To NSW Parliament animal welfare committee,

Why are domestic animals allowed to wander our streets day & night killing our native wildlife in NSW whilst our Councils have no powers to act to restrict their predatory behaviour.

We need laws to enable local government to act to stop this devastation.

I & other community members care for an area of garden & bush outside my house to try to encourage small birds like the superb fairy wren back into our parks & gardens. I also see, in the day time & night, 6 different cats roaming this same area hunting for wildlife.

It is well known the health benefit to cats that are kept in doors & in pens in yards.

So let's follow ACT Government legislation to control cats & also have compulsory desexing except for registered breeders.

Let's fund education & registration programs.

Kind Regards,

Ros Vaughan

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Sam McBride

Dear Sir / Madam

My name is Samantha McBride and I am a mother of two from Northern NSW.

Millions of native animals are killed every year by domestic cats roaming free of a night in NSW.

NSW is the only state that does not manage the cat population in some way. This has to change!

Please support the appropriate management of the cat populations in NSW and protect nature from further harm.

Sincerely,

Samantha McBride

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Sandra Allen

I would like to, briefly, add my support to increased control of the NSW cat population.

The devastation wrought by cats on wildlife, over many years, is well known and getting worse. Small native wildlife numbers and diversity has plummeted over the years and is accelerating, bringing some species to extinction. Feral cats, descended from domestic cats, have been responsible for much of the devastation. In addition, domestic cats, roaming from their homes by day and, particularly, night destroy much wildlife, as has been conclusively through numerous reliable studies. As a regular birdwatcher over many years I have witnessed species loss, much attributable to cat attacks.

Cat owners are often ignorant of their cats' predations or understate the problem. By way of excuse they will say "It's just their natural instinct". True, and that is the trouble; unrestrained natural instinct at work.

Many cat owners take an unreasonable and irresponsible approach to compulsory restrains on their pets' "freedom". That will not do. The toll is far too great.

I support tighter, legally enforced controls on cat ownership.

Please take legislative action to address this big problem John Allen

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Sylvia Saszczak

Dear Rhia Victorino

I understand that you are currently looking into the situation of roaming pet cats in NSW. I plant native plants in my garden to create suitable habitat for the native animals that we are fortunate to have in my area (Avalon Beach). I often see neighbours' cats hunting in my garden. I know that pet cats kill large numbers of our native animals. This carnage will continue until the law is changed to make cat owners keep their cats at home. Please pass the law to stop roaming cats from driving our wildlife to extinction.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Saszczak

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Sylvia Saszczak

Dear James

I know that my neighbours' cats often prowl in my garden to hunt and kill the wildlife there (I live adjacent to a bush reserve in Avalon Beach.) There's nothing I can do. But if the NSW Government steps up and passes a law requiring that all domestic cats are contained, this issue will be resolved throughout NSW.

Scientists in the Australian Government National Environment Science Program recently found that each year per square kilometre pet cats kill 13,100 animals.

They kill birds and lizards in the daytime and our many nocturnal animals at night.

Please stop this terrible situation by passing a law for pet cat containment.

Yours sincerely ,

Sylvia Saszczak

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Sylvia Saszczak

Dear David

As you know, there is legislation in Canberra that requires cat owners to keep their cats contained to stop them from roaming and killing Australian fauna. I hope that this law will be introduced in NSW too. The world has many environmental challenges including animal extinction. Most of these challenges are very hard to tackle, but the challenge of stopping domestic cats from killing our native animals is easy. So please just pass a law to make all cat owners take the responsible step of keeping their cats contained.

I look forward to hearing that this law has been passed.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Saszczak

INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name: Vanessa Keyzer

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal to amend the NSW Companion Animals Act. I support changes to the Act to enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats.

We know the devastation that cats cause local wildlife. Many others would have already written with the facts on how many pet cats there are, how many roam, and how many native species they would have consumed. The impact to wildlife is clearly unacceptable.

I am a cat owner. My cat is an indoor cat. She has access to a cat run and is perfectly content. We don't allow dogs to wander from their properties, it should be the same for cats. Our wildlife is unique and is already facing so many challenges.

A more appropriate and up to date Act to enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats is a simple and effective way to reduce at least one form of harm to our wildlife.

Regards

Vanessa Keyzer

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Name: Name suppressed

I am a resident of Bowral but for many years I worked in outback places in Australia, PNG, Indonesia and Torres Straits and I witnessed first hand the destruction of native species by feral cat.

I fully support Local governments being enabled to develop companion animal management plans to protect our wildlife by making desexing mandatory state-wide by 4 months of age.

Kind Regards,

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Name: Name suppressed

Hello As a resident of Worrowing Heights (near Jervis Bay) I am concerned about the impact of roaming cats. I live in a retirement village located within 1 km of a national park. It is a requirement of our village that cats do not wander, and are kept contained within the resident's property. Yet even here cat owners allow their cats to wander. In recent months I have found 2 dead birds. If cat owners won't do what is asked of them, then please make it compulsory state wide. The residents of Australia have done enough damage to this beautiful and unique country. Please help save our wonderfully unique wildlife. Thank you

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Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

To Animal Welfare Committee,

We have a small backyard that we have made wildlife friendly and enjoy the ringtail possums, lizards and birds that visit. We also not infrequently see a variety of cats that slink off when spotted.

I am concerned about the impact roaming pet cats are having on our native wildlife. I therefore support sensible amendments to the law to enable local governments to enforce anti-roaming laws for pet cats, bringing NSW into line with almost every other states.

In NSW, approximately 96 million native mammals, birds and reptiles are killed by roaming pet cats every year since about 70% of cat owners still allow their pets to roam. We need responsible pet ownership that should include funding for education, compliance and to make desexing and registration easier. We also need clear rules around desexing by 4 months of age to prevent unwanted breeding and requirements for all local governments to develop and implement companion animal management plans.

I am therefore calling on the NSW Government and the Animal Welfare committee to support this application. Outcomes should include State government funding of a minimum of \$9 million to fund compliance, education, desexing, identification and registration programs. Also for all local governments to develop companion animal management plans to protect wildlife.

Regards,

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Name: Name suppressed

Hi,

I would like to share my view and opinion on the proposal to shoot and kill poor unwanted and uncared for cats.

I fully believe the government should promote adoption and at-home containment and invest in desexing projects and education programmes to inform the public about why there can be no such thing as a “responsible” breeder and that cat ownership does not just include buying a cat. While homeless cat numbers continue to rapidly increase breeders should not be able to breed free will. People need to show respect and love for stray cats. It is 100% not their fault and to think that the government think the answer is to cruelty shoot or poison them is just horrendous.

Controlling Australia’s cat population requires a multipronged approach that must rest first and foremost on stemming the flow of new cats via breeding restrictions. Then it must focus on desexing programmes and encouraging people to adopt and foster stray cats.

It should never include inhumane methods of killing them!!

Thank you,

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Partially Confidential

Name: Name suppressed

Make cat de-sexing MANDATORY. Dont just impose a cat curfew make it the law to keep cats inside. there is a house on the corner of in Eastwood where there are frequently 20 cats at a time outside. Most do not have collars. And the number of birds and lizards in has dropped noticeably in the last two years. Some days the cat stench is appalling.