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INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The government needs to change the companion animals act for Feral cats (community cat) we need the act to change to get hold of the feral cats (colonies cat) problem. We need a humane way to control the cat population to do this we need TNR and local council to help support it. Councils example Camden council will not accept stray cats or lost cat or feral cats and even advertise this on their local page. We need councils to help we need the legislation change so TNR the release of a cat what is in the community can be release with out fear of being prosecuted because it counted as abandonment.

Under the section of 6.4.2a cat management plan council should accept a cat but the council don't. We need councils to accept cat we need a solution for colonies cat and we need TNR to come as a solution. Why we need TNR. Kitten season multiplies every time a kitten is born. For every female cat out there is at least one male impregnating 6 females.

Today, an estimated 2.7 million domestic cats and between 2.1 and 6.3 million feral cats live in Australia and only a small portion has been desexed we need more TNR and more rehoming and more low cost desexing that aren't restricted to income. The sad point to this is rescue are full to Capacity and our population in kitten season seem to be increasing. We need the government and local councils to help and get low cost desex unrestricted and TNR trap neuter and return to come into the control of cats.