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INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The situation with colony (feral) cats in NSW is out of control. We are prohibited from removing them from their location, desexing them, then returning them as it is classed as animal abandonment. The law needs to be changed to allow us to do "trap, neuter, return" with these colonies, hopefully with government financial assistance before it becomes too late to control the situation. There also needs to be more legislation to make owners responsible for their pets, particularly to prevent cats from roaming. Cat colonies are the result of either letting cats roam, or owners moving and leaving their cats behind.