## INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I am compiling this submission as I have always been a lover of Animals and I feel that I have to say that there has to be massive changes made for animals as they can't speak for themselves Humans can be very cruel at times I have witness it myself over the years if I had my way no animal would be slaughtered I have learnt to read animals eyes and you can see the terrified look in them they know when death is near. They only have us humans who care and speak up for them. Some only think of the money they can make. I can remember listening to a women who was a Brain Scientist and surgeon- she said that she had studied dogs brains and she said they was very similar to a humans. I thought at the time how cleaver the dogs I have had over the years -they were exceptional.

All domestic animals throughout Australia especially cats and dogs should be desexed and microchipped and registered it should be made compulsory and severe penalties if they are not. It may make people think twice before tossing them aside if they have to pay money out. A record to be made of every animal owner in Australia so they will be easily traced.

All domestic cats to be on a collar and lead outside the home -(Canberra has just brought in this law) reason being if they are not feed properly they keep killing all the birds. The way it is going there will be no birds left in this area. I live in a suburb of Albury I guess there would be about 5,000 units people get a cat for company and after 6 to 12 months they get transferred in their jobs and leave the cat behind has no food or water and then that is when they turn Ferrell by the time they turn up at my house which may be weeks later you can't even get near them I feel so sorry for them but I have looked after orphan cats for 70 years - you can't get near them and they always enter the back yards where there are no dogs and of course that is where the birds come in I had a lot of doves around my yard as there was an aviary in the next street and the gentleman let all the birds out and they had to fend for themselves so needless to say someone of them made my back yard home and they were breeding in the trees but over the years every morning I would come out and there would be feathers everywhere it upset me terribly I have had cat traps from the council and have caught a few all the ones that I caught had never been micro chipped. I am 84 years of age I should be living in peace without the bother of cats coming into my yard and making a mess with bird feathers etc don't get me wrong I love cats and they have all been neglected strays that have come onto my property and I have befriended them there is some that you can never get near. The ones that I did have for years were well fed never left my property when birds came in they would just lie there and look at them never attempted to catch any. The trouble is people don't feed them properly then they wonder why they meow all the time. they didn't go looking for birds as they were not hungry as and I have had them most of my life and all of them except one have been neglected animals and not one of those cats very left my yard as they were contented as they were well feed and I always believe if they are feed properly they won't go looking to kill birds.

Thankyou for allowing me to make my case - It is a must that people get severe penalities we are too soft that is why everyone get away with everything.