

**Submission  
No 203**

**INQUIRY INTO VETERINARY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE  
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

**Name:** Olga von Gaffron

**Date Received:** 22 July 2023

---

Please please please do something to cut vet bills - I am a pensioner and love my cats but cannot afford to take them to the vet due to the cost involved. It is more expensive to go to the vet than it is to go to the doctor for humans and operations if needed are outrageously expensive. Many years ago I spent \$6000.00 to try and save my cat and this was not for an operation just vet hospital care.

Pet insurance is also ludicrously expensive and is rarely needed for indoor pets.

No wonder people are dumping their pets especially at the moment with the cost of pet food going through the roof - e.g. an 85g tin of cat food was a few months ago \$2.00 - now it is suddenly \$2.70 and animals are just as fussy with their food as humans are so it is hard to find an alternative.

Vets and pet food suppliers/manufacturers know that we love our pets who give us unconditional love and attention and especially help us through stressful times.

Please help.

Regards  
Olga von Gaffron  
Animal lover