INQUIRY INTO POUNDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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NSW Pounds and rehoming shelters have an influx of kittens and unwanted cats during breeding season. Those unwanted kittens that don't go to shelters end up as feral cats causing significant environmental damage. It is recommended the Companion Animals Act be amended to include:

- * cat containment to prevent cats roaming freely.
- * compulsory desexing or Government funded desexing programs.
- * increased lifetime registration costs for non desexed cats in line with that of dogs, to encourage desexing. Remove the annual permits as they are ineffective and an administrative burden.