

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO POUNDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Organisation: Murray River Council

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit.

One of the challenges impacting the Murray River council is the lack of acknowledgement of Feral Cats in the Companion Animals Act.

Being a rural Council with 12 towns scattered throughout, Council runs ongoing cat trapping of feral cats. These cats trapped are not handleable, rehome able and cannot be placed in Council pound facility as required by the Act.

Council wish to raise the issue and seek acknowledgement of feral cats in the Companion Animals Act, procedure for handling of and if required separate reporting.