

**INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Dear all,

I read the article regarding the NSW government approach to control the population of stray cats, which left me puzzled and disturbed. Killing the animals is in my opinion the wrong way to solve a problem created by humans.

My vision how to approach the issue would be:

- More state support for trapping, desexing and homing of stray cats.
- Media appearance to raise awareness of the issue and to encourage people to home or foster cats.
- Introduction of stronger programs to make sure landlords cannot ban tenants from having pets and to stimulate tenants to home or foster cats. Introduce penalties for violations.
- Introduction of a legal ban from breeding and sell cats with painful penalties for violations of the ban.

We are currently facing a shortage of available residential properties. We do approach the issue by building more houses and units. We do not approach the issue by euthanising those in need of residential premises. I would appreciate a related approach for the control of the stray cat population.

We share our home with 4 indoor cats and all of them were strays at some point. Please rather encourage people to adopt cats rather than poisoning or shooting the animals, who did not choose to be strays. Most of them were fathered by stray cats, who were not desexed. This is the problem we need to attack.

With very best regards,