

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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To whom it Concerns,

More to say and probably a lot more to do regarding animal Welfare.

A few more points include:

1. If the legislation is approved to allow Rescue Groups to Assist in rehoming of animals in particular cats, it is important that these animals will be the overflow from the council pounds. The councils still have to take on the responsibility to rehome until maximum capacity.

2. To ensure there is adequate facilities to accommodate dogs and cats, in Pounds there could be a ratio people residing in a particular Council area to dogs and cats. What could this ratio be?????.

3. Again it is important that to bring in legislation to make real estate agents/landlords responsible to add all domestic pets along with their microchip number on the lease. This is necessary as a large number of animals end up on the street, due to the tenants abandoning their animals at the end of the lease, and this is where the law needs to deal with these people in an appropriate way, instead of putting it into the too hard basket. If the law is not enforced, this will continue.

4 TRAP/NEUTER/RELEASE/REHOME is the most important legislation that can be brought in regarding unowned community cats.

Common sense tells you that release is NOT ABANDONMENT. This is the most effective, kindest way to control the cat population and reduce the population by natural attrition.

We DON'T need expensive studies and trials, we just need to get on with it .

Thank you