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The Hon. Trish Doyle MP
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Dear Trish,

Members of the Blue Mountains Conservation Society (the Society), the Blue Mountains Bird Observers (BMBO) and the Invasive Species Council are requesting that you organise a joint meeting with Minister Hoenig to present our case for amending the Companion Animals Act 1998 in relation to cats.

Both the BMBO and the Society are organisations well supported by the wider Blue Mountains community; the Society currently has over 850 members. The Invasive Species Council is a national organisation addressing major invasive species impacts across the nation and is seeking a reduction in the impacts of pet, unowned and feral cats.

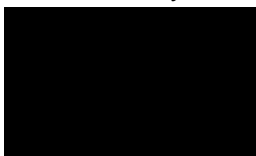
The Society, BMBO and Invasive Species Council share major concerns about the negative impacts of pet, unowned and feral cats upon wildlife in our peri-urban environment and the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

There is good local community support for changes to the Companion Animals Act 1998 enabling local councils to implement cat containment. For instance, on 29th August 2023, local residents presented a petition to Blue Mountains City Council to this effect and Council has since written to the Minister seeking amendments to enable councils to introduce cat containment policies.

Our organisations jointly convened a public meeting in Lawson, NSW on 10th February 2024 entitled "Who let the cat out?" that was well-attended and supportive of pet cat containment. With this community support in mind, we would appreciate a meeting with you to present our case for amendments to the Companion Animals Act 1998.

Please contact Lyndal Sullivan on 0435 575 010 to make arrangements for a meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Annette Cam
President