

Auckland Council Let's protect our environment Private Bag 92300, Victoria Street Wast Auckland, 1142

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By Email

Submission on behalf of the New Zealand Veterinary Association Te Pae Kīrehe regarding Auckland Council Let's Protect Our Environment early consultation

The New Zealand Veterinary Association Te Pae Kīrehe (NZVA) is the largest membership organisation representing veterinarians in Aotearoa New Zealand. Our mission is to support our members through leadership, education, guidance and advocacy.

This submission is made on behalf of our members in response to Auckland Council's 'Let's Protect Our Environment' early consultation. In preparing this response, we have consulted with our Companion Animal Veterinarians Branch.

The NZVA supports principles of responsible cat ownership and management that foster a harmonious relationship between people, cats and the environment.

As a key stakeholder in the National Cat Management Strategy Group (NCMSG), we recognise the need to balance the interests of cats, cat owners, and semi-owners/stray care providers with the potential negative impacts of cats on communities, other species and ecosystems.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this important consultation process and thank you for considering our feedback during its early stages.

Nāku iti noa, nā,

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