

# **Whangarei District Council**

Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 April 2021

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## **Bulk Cat Submissions relating to the Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031**

**Volume Three**

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## Submission for WDC 2021 Public Consultation Process

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**Lost and abandoned cats and kittens are:**

**1. Suffering:**

- from chronic dehydration, starvation, constipation, tooth decay, flea and worm infestations, disease and untreated injuries

**2. Victims of a disturbing range of cruelty and abuse**

**3. Creating a nuisance and problems for residents:**

- spreading diseases to pets – such as cat flu and feline aids
- getting into fights and causing injuries to pets - creating unnecessary and expensive vet bills
- breeding in garages, garden sheds and under homes damaging the insulation

**4. A health and hygiene issue:**

- eating pets' food, and stealing people's food from kitchen benches and tables
- causing flea infestations in carpets, and skin infections from flea bites
- interrupting sleep – when fighting and mating
- dying under homes in inaccessible places – creating a revolting smell
- spraying inside homes – damaging carpets and furniture
- spraying on fences and outside walls – creating a gross smell all year round
- leaving faeces in gardens – a health hazard for young children
- carry toxoplasmosis – contagious to immune comprised people

**5. Creating daily anxiety and distress in kind and caring residents:**

- who hate seeing tiny, vulnerable, kittens that are skinny and starving, often with the mother cat desperately looking for food
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- who know these cats have no future and there is no help available



**6. Damaging our environment:**

- predating on native species - birds, small mammals, lizards and insects
- competing with native species for food and water resources
- spreading diseases such as toxoplasmosis

**7. Creating a nuisance for business owners:**

- shoppers seeing starving cats and kittens eating out of rubbish bins
- employees taking time off work to take boxes of kittens found at their workplace to the SPCA
- cats breeding out the back of cafes, restaurants and supermarkets

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Address.....Te Paka Crescent, Kamo......

Business/community organisation.....

Position.....

Personal contact details email/phone (optional).....

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 Suburb: *Riverside*

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 Street name: *Commings Road,*  
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*Nellie*

Street name:

*Arcus St. (Arcus St)*

Suburb:

*Raumanga*

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Street name: *Otaika Valley Road*

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 Suburb: *Woodhill,*

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Suburb: *Abbey Caves*

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Name.....*Ryan*.....

Address.....*Portland Rd, (Portland)*.....

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Street name: *Pebble Beach Boulevard*

Suburb: *Kamo*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Address... Maunu Road .....

Suburb... H. Pahi .....



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First name: *Scott*  
 Street name: *Old Stone Rd.*  
 Suburb: *Portland.*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Address..... SH 14, RD 9, Whangarei .....

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 Suburb: *Raumanga*

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Address.....*Lockheed Place*.....  
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Street name: *Clark Road*

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 Street name: *Keyte street*  
 Suburb: *Otāhanga*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Address.....*Armstrong Avenue, Whangarei*.....  
Business/community organisation.....  
Position.....  
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Stephanie

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Whangarei

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