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 Suburb: *Kamo*

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Suburb: Mauori

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

Submission for WDC 2021 Public Consultation Process

RECEIVED - CUSTOMER SERVICES
23 MAR 2021
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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
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- 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
- who have sick, malnourished and sometimes injured adult and juvenile cats hanging around, many with eye infections from untreated cat flu
- 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.....Portland Road, R.D.8, (Portland).....
Business/community organisation.....
Position.....
Personal contact details email/phone (optional).....

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Address..... Lockheed Place

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First name: *Taylor*
 Street name: *Hassard St*
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Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Address.....*Maungakahi road, Maungatapere*.....

Business/community organisation.....

Position.....

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

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Suburb:

RD 3

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Street name: *Corn Street*

Suburb: *Kensington*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Barr St

Suburb:

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Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Suburb..... KAMO

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Business/community organisation.....
Position.....
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Suburb: *Onerahi*

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Troy

Street name:

McKinnon cres-

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O.T. (Otangarei)

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Position..... -

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Business/community organisation.....

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2. Victims of a disturbing range of cruelty and abuse

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- getting into fights and causing injuries to pets - creating unnecessary and expensive vet bills
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4. A health and hygiene issue:

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