

**SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS AND PROPOSED ACTIONS**

NAME OF SUBMITTER	ISSUES	COMMENTS/PROPOSED ACTION
1 [REDACTED]	<p>Submitter querying for a leash order to be introduced for dogs in public areas with the effect of leash areas that allow access before people who do not have a licence</p>	<p>Domestic Animals Management Plan (DAMP) proposes to investigate introduction of leash order. The need for off-leash areas would be considered during the investigation and will depend on the extent of the leash order. The committee areas versus entire township etc</p> <p><b>No change proposed to DAMP</b></p>
2 [REDACTED]	<p>Submitter seeking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- introduction of a cat curfew due to the nuisance caused by trespassing cats</li> <li>- Council to have additional cat traps so residents can receive traps immediately and not have to wait a few weeks and</li> <li>- Council offices to set and collect traps</li> </ul>	<p>The Domestic Animals Act 1994 permits a property owner to seize a cat that is trespassing on the property. Council provide a cat trapping program to assist residents trapping cats trespassing in the property. Residents can collect a trap from Council or have the trap delivered. The program equates the residents to set up the traps and notify Council once they have trapped the cat so the cat can be collected. Council has recently increased the number of cat traps from 9 to 16. DAMP proposes to further expand program in 2017/18. Year residents unable to collect a cat trap from Council. There can be time delays due to local law offices workload. Staff shortages. Cat traps not made available within a week of the request being made.</p> <p>The Domestic Animals Acts 1994 permits Council to introduce a cat curfew under sections 25 and 26. Apart from Wellington Shire Council and South Gipsy and Shire Council, all other Gipsy and Councils have introduced a cat curfew.</p> <p>In total four of the DAMP submissions recommended Council adopt a cat curfew. Along with curbing nuisance caused by trespassing cats, the submitter's raised concerns about cats attacking native wildlife, spreading diseases, being hit by vehicles and domestic cats becoming feral and reproducing.</p> <p><b>Section 5 Nuisance of the DAMP amended to include an additional action to investigate the introduction of a 'Cat Curfew Order' pursuant to section 25 and 26 of the Domestic Animals Act 1994.</b></p>

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3 [REDACTED]	<p>Submitter seeking introduction of a cat curfew due to concerns about cats attacking native wildlife</p>	<p>The Domestic Animals Act 1994 permits Council to introduce a cat curfew under sections 25 and 26. Apart from Warrington Shire Council and South Gipsy and Shire Council, all other Gipsy and Councils have introduced a cat curfew.</p> <p>In total four of the DAMP submissions recommended Council adopt a cat curfew. Reasons for adopting a cat curfew were to reduce:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- nuisance caused by trespassing cats</li> <li>- cats attacking native wildlife and</li> <li>- risk of domestic cats becoming feral and reproducing</li> </ul> <p><b>Section 5 Nuisance of the DAMP amended to include an additional action to investigate the introduction of a 'Cat Curfew Order' pursuant to section 25 and 26 of the Domestic Animals Act 1994.</b></p>
4 [REDACTED]	<p>Submitter seeking introduction of a cat curfew due to concerns about wandering cats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- attacking native wildlife</li> <li>- spreading diseases such as feline AIDS</li> <li>- defecating in children's sandpits/vegetable garden and</li> <li>- being hit by vehicles</li> </ul>	<p>Same comments as for item 3</p>

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5 [REDACTED]	<p>Submitter seeking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- stray cats to be held by Council for six months to increase rehoming rates</li> <li>- cat t app ng p og ams to not be expanded</li> <li>- educating the public to be posted</li> <li>- desexing to be paid up front for cats too young for surgery</li> <li>- more money allocated to rehoming cats and other animals</li> <li>- Kumbura Veterinary Clinic to continue to provide Council's pound service</li> <li>- excess animal permit for cat keeping to be equaled from council               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o of cats live outdoor</li> <li>o of more than 3 and</li> <li>o of indoor cats excess animal requirements to not apply</li> </ul> </li> <li>- excess animal permit fee to be waived for pensioners</li> </ul>	<p>The Domestic Animals Acts 1994 requires Council to hold an animal for 8 days. Due to contractual arrangements with Council's pound service provide Kumbura Veterinary Clinic (KVC) unclaimed animals become the property of the KVC at the completion of the 8 day holding period. KVC then assess the animal to determine the suitability for rehoming.</p> <p>Euthanasia rates for SGSC impounded dogs/cats have decreased significantly over the past 7 years. For example in 2010/11 47.4% of impounded dogs were euthanased (66 dogs). In 2016/17 5.7% of impounded dogs were euthanased (15 dogs).</p> <p>DAMP actions under section 4 Registration and Identification section 5 Nuisance section 8 Overpopulation and High euthanasia section 9 Domestic Animals Businesses and section 10 Other Matters will address the majority of the submitter's comments.</p> <p>Submitter recommends Council's cat t app ng p og am not be expanded. DAMP opposes to further expand program in 2017/18. Due to increasing cat t app requests.</p> <p>Council is currently undertaking a review of the General Local Law 2014 which will consider the excess animal requirements. Submitter's excess animal comments will be considered during the review.</p> <p><b>No change to DAMP</b></p>

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6 [REDACTED]	<p>Submitte</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- supports introduction of a leash order under the Domestic Animals Act 1994</li> <li>- seeks introduction of a cat curfew due to cats attacking native wildlife</li> <li>- supports compulsory desexing program for cats as introduced by Bass Coast</li> <li>- recommends Council work with Parks Victoria and Department of Environment and Water and Planning to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o improve public education information and enforcement of dog regulations on Venus Bay Peninsula</li> <li>o investigate installation of dog bins and animal waste bag dispensers on the Venus Bay Peninsula and</li> </ul> </li> <li>- recommends signage be provided in the Venus Bay shopping centre on how visitors can protect environment through responsible pet ownership and compliance with dog/cat regulations</li> </ul>	<p>Submitte raises concerns about cats attacking native wildlife. In total four of the DAMP submissions recommended Council adopt a cat curfew</p> <p>Submitte supports introduction of a compulsory desexing program for domestic cats. The DAMP does not oppose introducing or investigating the introduction of a compulsory desexing program for cats. Amendments to the Domestic Animals Act 1994 in 2013 increased dog/cat registration fees to encourage dog/cat owners to desex their animals. As a result the annual registration fee for an unsexed animal is three times greater than the fee for a sexed animal. Currently only 53 of the 1 375 cats registered with Council are unsexed. It is considered at this stage further investigation is not required to encourage cat owners to desex their cats</p> <p>Remaining matters put forward such as introducing a leash order, public education etc. can be addressed through DAMP actions under section 4 Regulation and Identification and section 5 Nuisance</p> <p><b>Section 5 Nuisance of the DAMP amended to include an additional action to investigate the introduction of a 'Cat Curfew Order' pursuant to section 25 and 26 of the Domestic Animals Act 1994.</b></p>