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Mr Neil Laurie
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Neil,
Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your email of 30 April 2025 regarding the petition as tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 1 April 2025 (4230-25) – *Cat Legislation*.

I note the petition requests the House to adjust state laws so that there is one law to govern cat ownership in the State, and that the law include:

- no cat can be bought, sold, traded or given unless they are registered and de-sexed
- ownership be limited to one per household
- all cats to be kept inside at all times or in an enclosed cattery
- no cat breeding to be allowed.

The Queensland Government promotes responsible cat ownership by requiring that owned cats are microchipped by a registered implanter under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*. In Queensland, unowned cats are regulated under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* because of their negative impacts on the environment, public health and social amenity.

Cat management in the community is a complex and sensitive issue due to the diverse and wide-ranging views on how cats should be managed. Local Governments are best placed to manage cats as they understand the unique needs of their community and are responsible for managing cats, including stray and roaming cats, under their local laws.

I thank the petitioners for bringing their concerns to the attention of the House.

Yours sincerely

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