

CLAUSE NOTES

Cat Management Amendment (Mandatory Confinement) Bill 2021

Clause 1: Short Title

The Short title will be the *Cat Management Amendment (Mandatory Confinement) Act 2021*.

Clause 2: Commencement

The Amendment Act will commence on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3: Principal Act

Sets the *Cat Management Act 2009* as the Principal Act to be amended.

Clause 4: Section 17 substituted

Replaces the current section 17 with a revised section 17 and a new section 17A.

Section 17: Protection of property from cats

Amends this section to remove provisions introduced by the *Cat Management Amendment Act 2019* that allow for any land occupiers to trap cats.

Section 17A: Seizure and detention of cats at large

This clause –

- Allows for an owner to be fined if their cat is ‘at large’, which means the cat is –
 - in a public place and not restrained; or
 - on private premises without the consent of the occupier of the premises.
- Allows for authorised persons (which include police, council officers, and officers under the Animal Welfare Act 1993) to seize and detain a ‘cat at large’.
- Allows for a general manager to –

- Return the cat to an owner;
- Sell, destroy or dispose of an unclaimed cat;
- Implant a cat with a microchip – and reclaim the costs from the owner.

Clause 5: Repeal of Act

The *Cat Management Amendment (Mandatory Confinement) Act 2021* will be repealed 365 days from the day on which all provisions commence.