**[Your Name]**

[Your Address}

**[Local Government Representative Full Name]**

Member for the [Electorate]

[Date]

Dear [Representative Full Name],

**Subject: Support for a Statewide Cat Management Plan**

I am writing to bring to your attention the urgent need for the development and implementation of a comprehensive statewide cat management plan. I believe a statewide approach is crucial to addressing the ongoing issues related to the growing cat population throughout South Australia.

Recently, I sought assistance from [Your Council Name] to help **with an unowned cat/group of unowned cats (delete as appropriate)** and was advised to contact local shelters for support. These organisations, and other rescue groups, are often at capacity and struggling to take in additional cats. With the council unable to help, and lengthy waiting lists in shelters/rescues, it leaves the public unable to seek adequate assistance.

Without proactive intervention, the stray cat population continues to grow, leading to welfare concerns, increased nuisance complaints and greater impacts on wildlife.

 A statewide strategy has recently been developed in Victoria, and I believe a similar approach in South Australia is necessary. This plan addresses key areas for management such as promoting responsible cat ownership, increasing desexing and microchipping rates, expanding cat containment requirements and reducing the impact of semi-owned and unowned cats.

I ask you to consider how you might support advocating for a statewide cat management plan in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]