



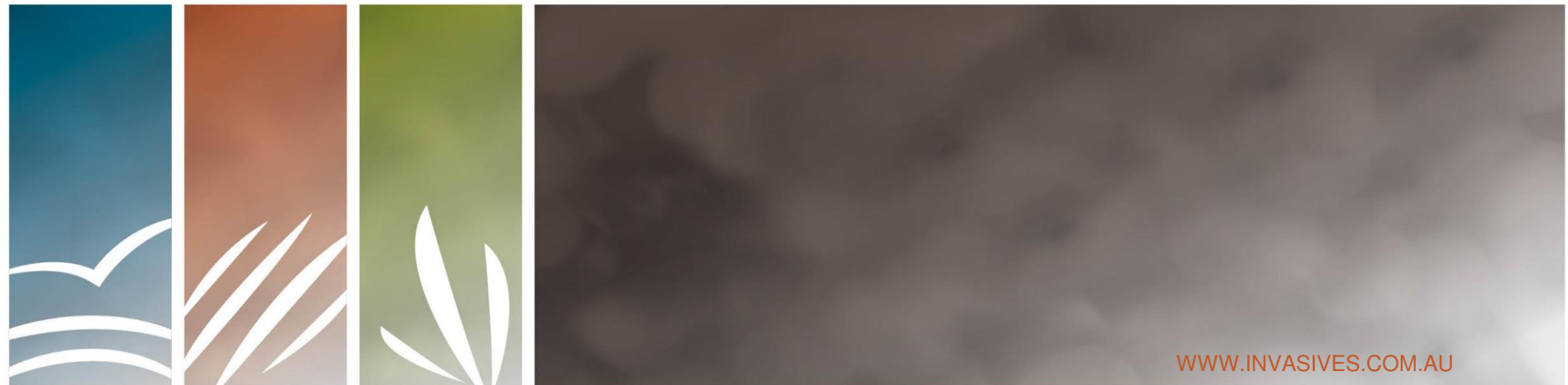
# Effective management is more than just numbers

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Raise awareness & increase feral cat & fox management





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Coordinate & support best practice mgmt  
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Networks, linkages and partnerships



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Connect local, state and national  
research and action



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I have feral cats, what can I do?



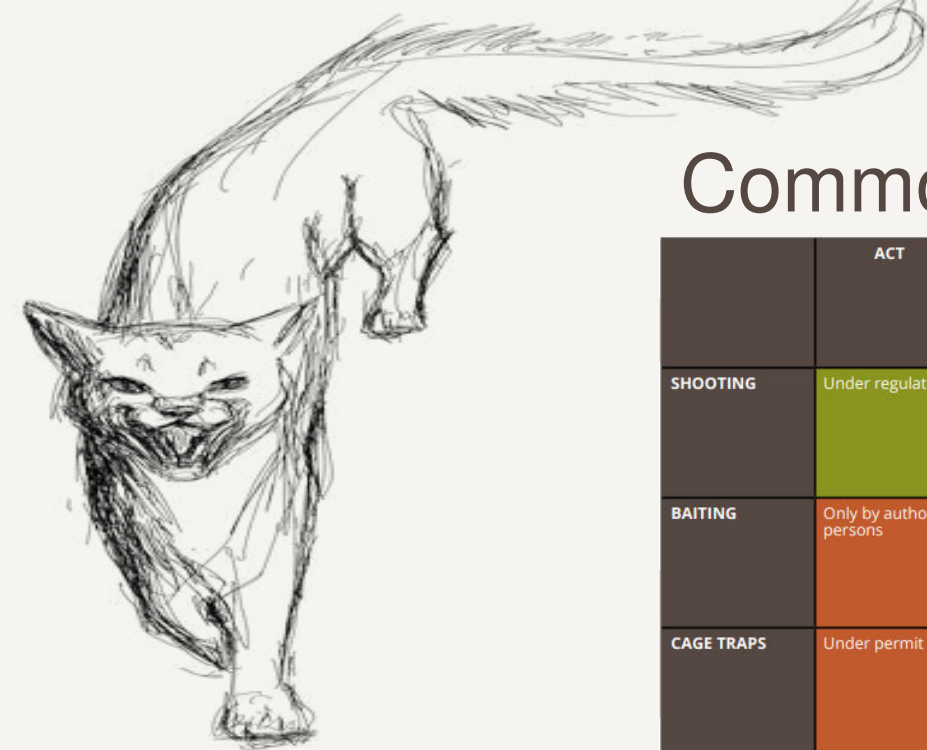
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## Common barriers – Info not easy to find





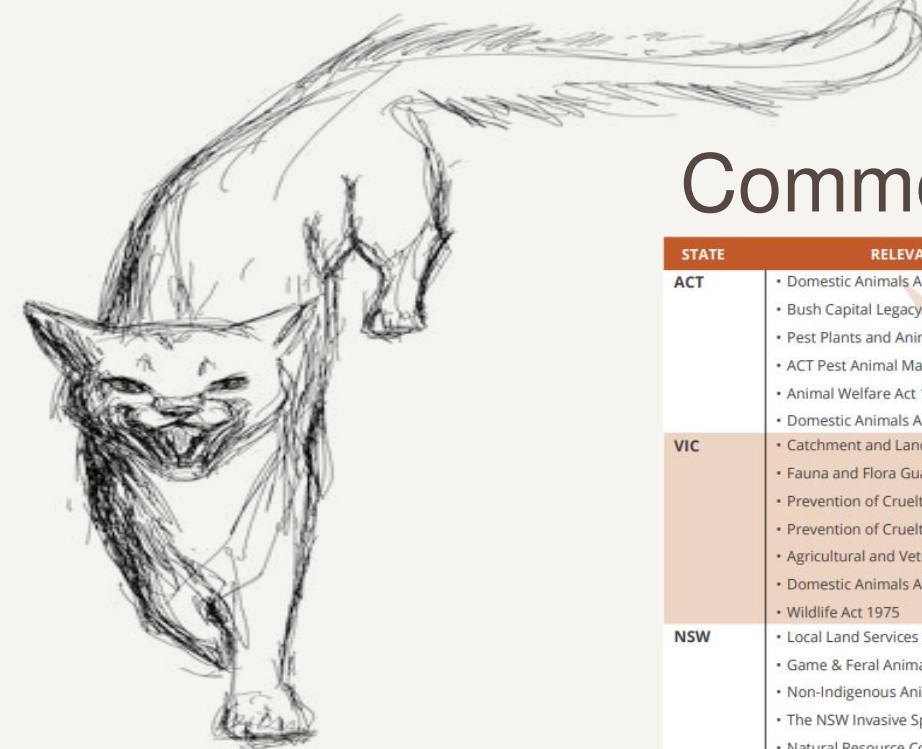


# Common barriers – Available tools

	ACT	VIC	NSW	WA	TAS	QLD	SA	NT
<b>SHOOTING</b>	Under regulations	Only by authorised persons	Under permit	Under regulations	Under regulations	Under regulations	Under permit	Under regulations
<b>BAITING</b>	Only by authorised persons	Curiosity under permit 1080 prohibited	Curiosity order being drafted	Only by authorised persons	Under permit	Under permit	Only by authorised persons	Under permit
<b>CAGE TRAPS</b>	Under permit	Under regulations	Under permit	Under permit	Under regulations	Under regulations	Under regulations	Under regulations
<b>LEGHOLD TRAPS</b>	Under permit	Only under Ministerial approval	Under permit	Only under special exemption	Only under Ministerial approval	Under regulations	Under regulations	Under regulations
<b>DETECTION DOGS</b>	Prohibited for hunting	Under regulations	Under regulations	Under regulations	Under regulations	Under regulations	Under regulations	Under regulations
<b>FELIXER</b>	Under research permit	Under research permit 1080 prohibited	Under research permit	Under research permit	Under research permit	Under research permit	Under research permit	Under research permit

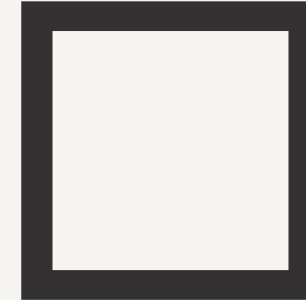
Source: Glovebox Guides for Managing Feral Cats





# Common barriers - Legislation

STATE	RELEVANT LEGISLATION RELATING TO CAT MANAGEMENT
<b>ACT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Animals Act 2000</li> <li>• Bush Capital Legacy- Iconic City, Iconic Natural Assets (ACT NRM Council 2009)</li> <li>• Pest Plants and Animals Act 2005</li> <li>• ACT Pest Animal Management Strategy 2012-2022</li> <li>• Animal Welfare Act 1992</li> <li>• Domestic Animals Act 2000</li> </ul>
<b>VIC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catchment and Land Protections Act 1994</li> <li>• Fauna and Flora Guarantee Act 1988</li> <li>• Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986</li> <li>• Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2008</li> <li>• Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical (Control of Use) Act 1992</li> <li>• Domestic Animals Act 1994</li> <li>• Wildlife Act 1975</li> </ul>
<b>NSW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Land Services Act 2013</li> <li>• Game &amp; Feral Animal Control Act (NSW) 2002</li> <li>• Non-Indigenous Animals Act 1987 (NSW)</li> <li>• The NSW Invasive Species Plan 2008-2015 and updated 2015-2022 Plan</li> <li>• Natural Resource Commission (2016) Pest Management Report</li> <li>• Biosecurity Act 2015</li> <li>• Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979</li> <li>• Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2012</li> <li>• Pesticides Act 1999</li> <li>• Pesticide Control (1080 Bait Products) Order 2019</li> </ul>
<b>WA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007</li> <li>• Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</li> <li>• Animal Welfare Act 2002</li> <li>• Animal Welfare (General) Regulations 2003</li> <li>• Dog Act 1976</li> </ul>



<b>TAS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cat Management Act 2009</li> <li>• Animal Welfare Act 1993</li> <li>• Biosecurity Act 2019</li> <li>• Tasmanian Cat Management Plan 2017-2022</li> <li>• Dog Control Act 2000</li> </ul>
<b>QLD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biosecurity Act 2014</li> <li>• Animal Care and Protection Act 2001</li> <li>• Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008</li> </ul>
<b>SA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscape South Australia Act 2019</li> <li>• Agricultural and Veterinary Products (Control of Use) Act 2002</li> <li>• Animal Welfare Act 1985</li> <li>• Animal Welfare Regulations 2012</li> <li>• Dog and Cat Management Act 1995</li> </ul>
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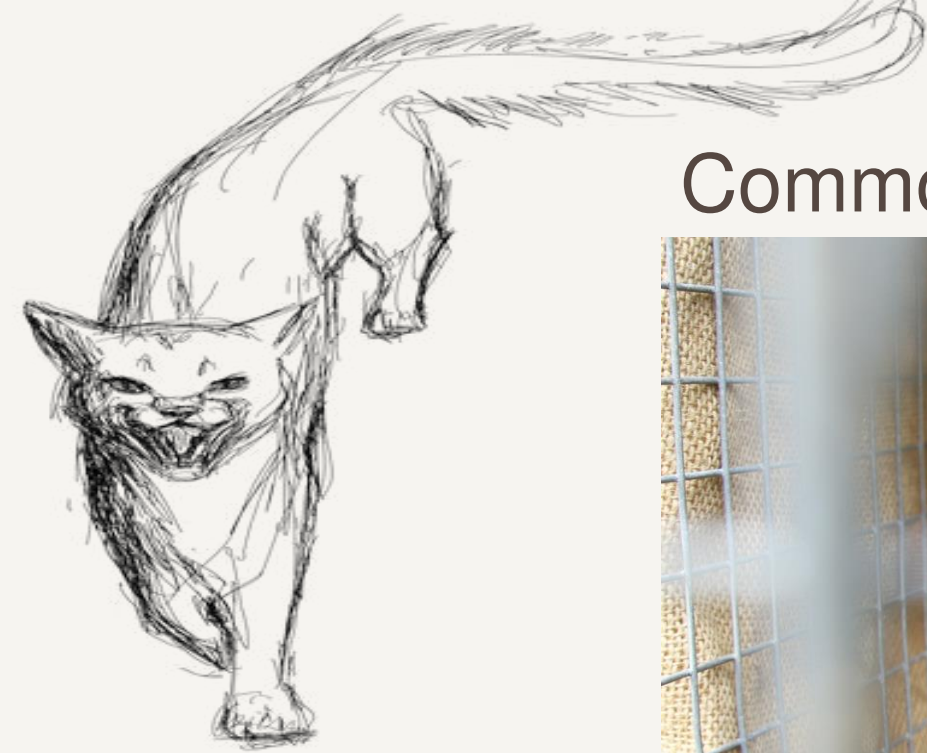
## Common barriers – Domestic (& stray)



Image: Joe Sydney



## Common barriers – Fear of reprisals

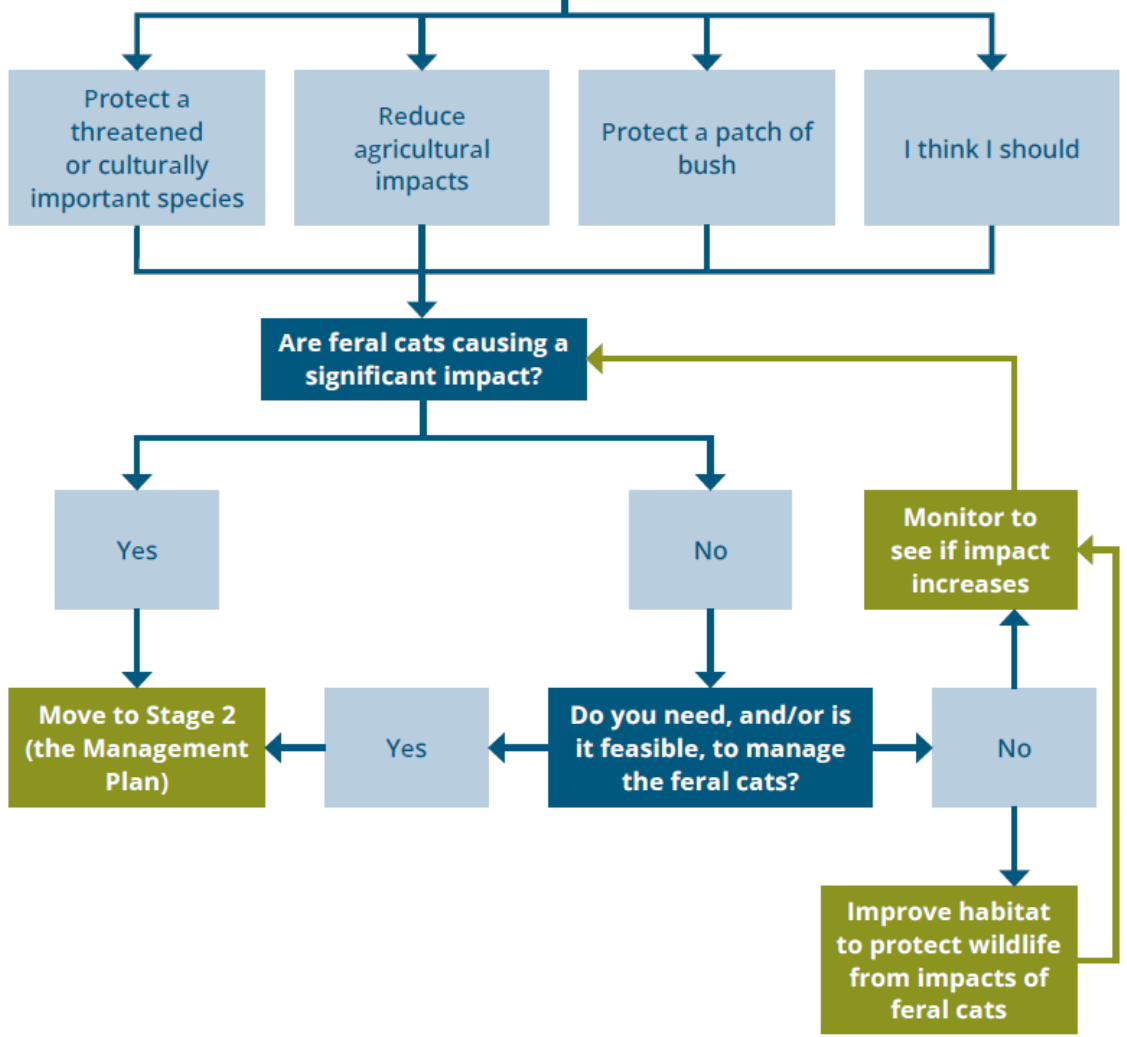


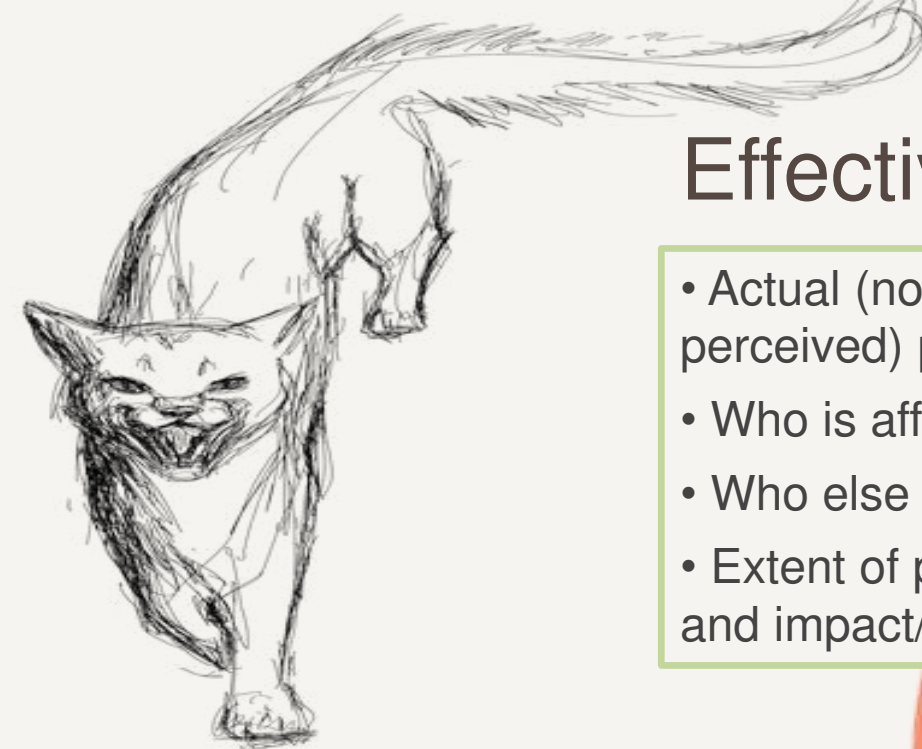


# I HAVE FERAL CATS, WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT THEM?

**Why do you want to manage the feral cats?**

*You may want to manage for more than one impact. If so, follow the path down each one.*





# Effective mgmt is more than killing cats

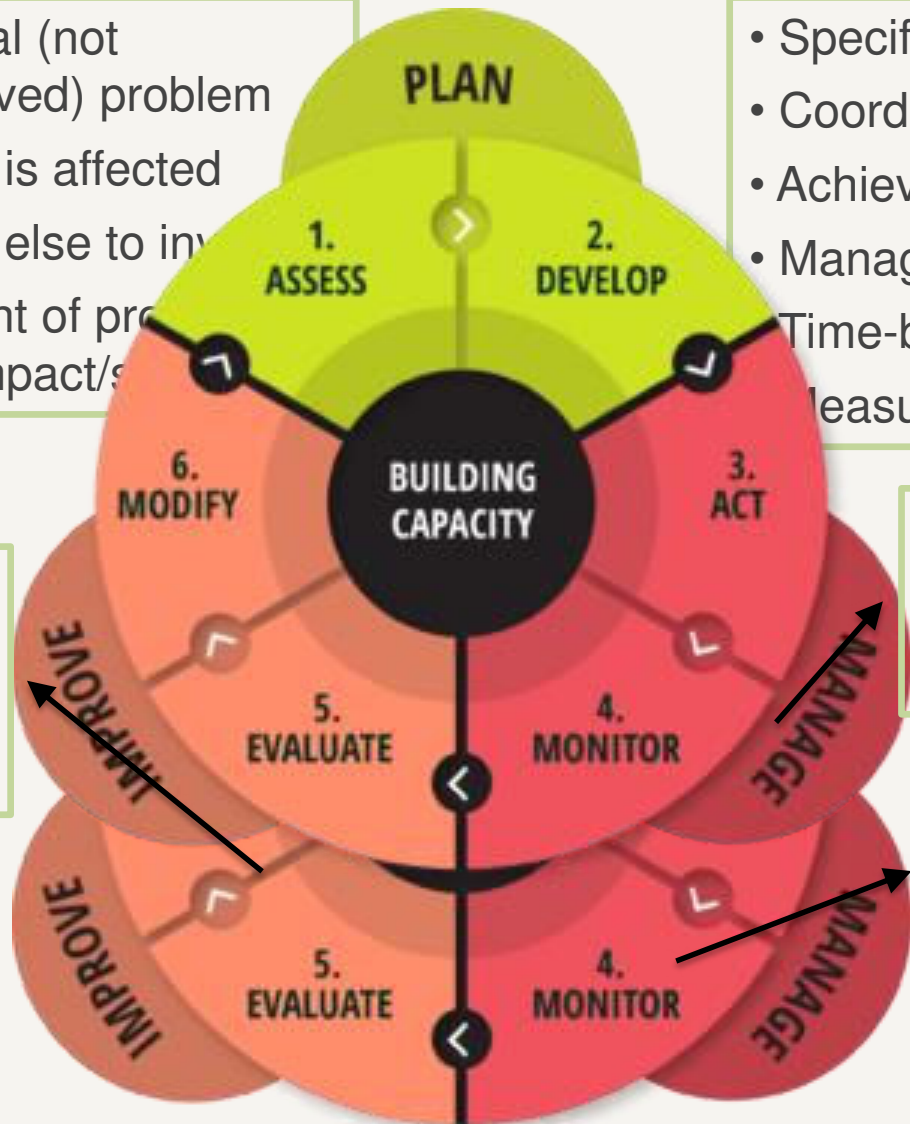
- Actual (not perceived) problem
- Who is affected
- Who else to involve
- Extent of problem and impact/s

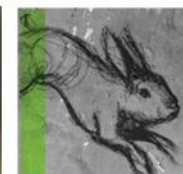
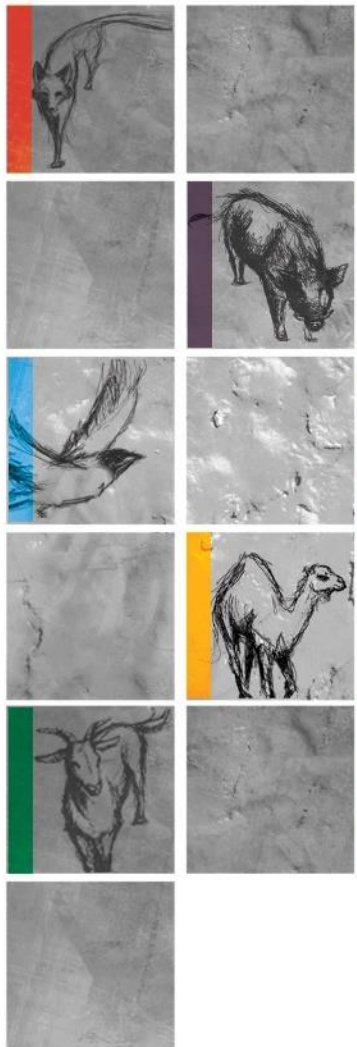
- Specific / Targeted
- Coordinated
- Achievable
- Management Options
- Time-bound
- Measurable

- Did it meet objectives?
- Do you need to make changes?

- Who?
- When and where?
- Record


- Not just # cats
- Change in impacts
- How??





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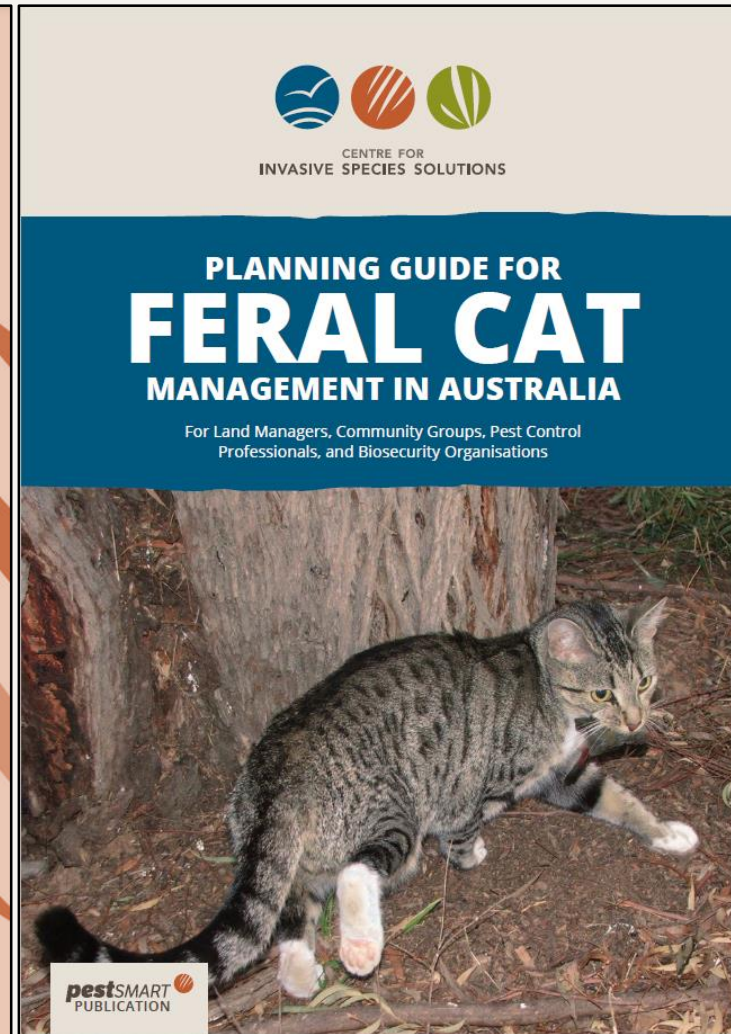
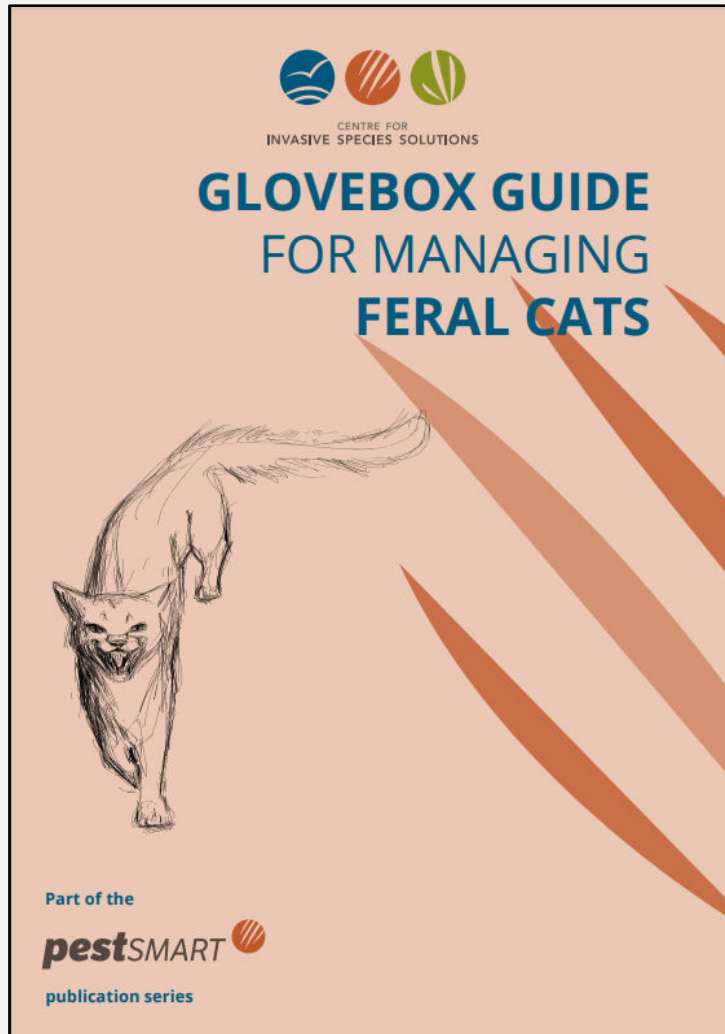
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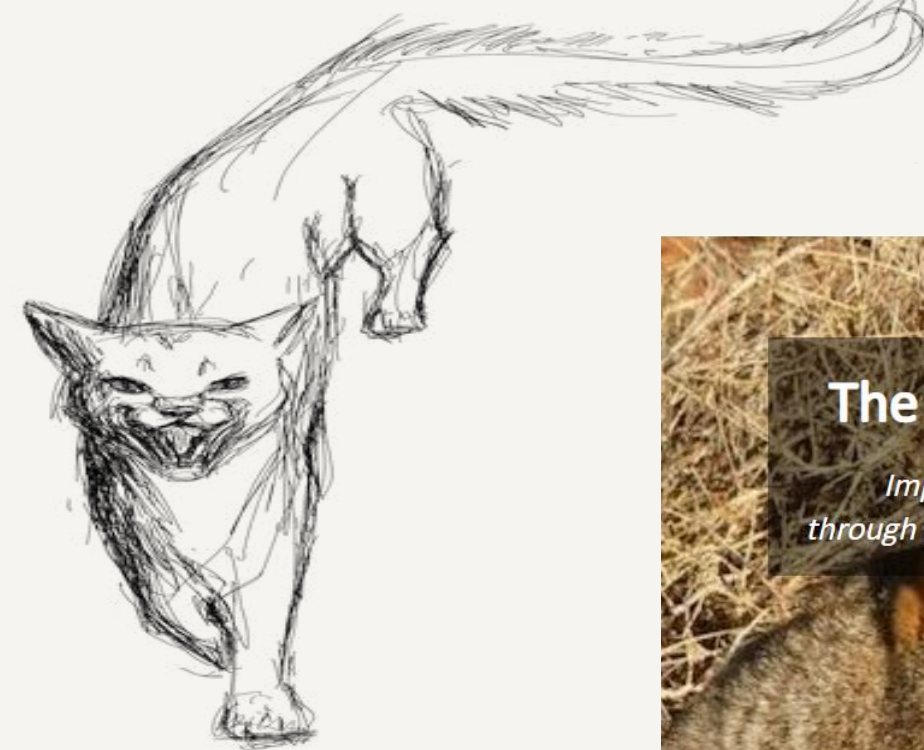
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*Improving the trajectory of Western Australian native fauna conservation outcomes through collaborative, effective, resource-efficient and humane management of feral cats*



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Management



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- MynaScan
- ToadScan
- MouseAlert
- FeralGoatScan
- FeralFishScan
- StarlingScan
- Other Pests
- NewPests



## Monitor



## Plan



## Manage



**Not citizen science – It is a program that supports on-ground action!**



# Thank You

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