



## The Notice of Stewardship

### **OFFICIAL NOTICE: PROTECTED STEWARDSHIP ZONE**

### **Reference: Animal Welfare Act 1999 (Public Act 1999 No 142)**

#### **TO ALL OFFICIALS, CONTRACTORS, AND AGENTS:**

Take notice that the animals residing on or managed within this perimeter are under the **SGI-Initiative Stewardship Protocol**.

1. **LEGAL STATUS:** These cats are not "unmanaged pests." They are sentient beings under the care of a designated Guardian. Under **Section 10** of the Animal Welfare Act 1999, the person in charge has a legal obligation to provide for their physical and health needs.
2. **IDENTIFICATION:** All cats within this zone are microchipped and registered. Euthanasia or removal of a microchipped animal without the express consent of the registered owner/guardian is a violation of property and welfare rights.
3. **THE SENTINEL SHIELD:** These cats are maintained as a biological deterrent (The Sentinel Shield). Their presence suppresses invasive rodent populations (Mesopredator release prevention), protecting local biodiversity and bird life far more effectively than lethal culls.
4. **WARNING:** Any unauthorised trapping, injury, or removal of these animals will be documented and reported to the **SPCA**, the **Police**, and the **Office of the Ombudsman** as a breach of the Animal Welfare Act and the Protected Disclosures Act 2022.

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