

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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The amendments to this bill fall short of addressing public perception around the treatment of wildlife. For example Victoria's Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2019 (POCTA Regulations) was recently amended to ban the use of large aperture fruit netting that traps and kills a large range of wildlife. This move was celebrated by wildlife lovers and conservationists alike. This amendment also does not mention cruel practices like glue traps which also commonly harm and kill wildlife in extremely cruel ways and are widely sold at hardware stores. The use of barbed wire is also not mentioned which maims and kills countless animals across Queensland each year including a large number of threatened species. This amendment is a great opportunity to prevent any native animal from being exempt to humaneness requirements under our legislation (eg the inhumane shooting of flying foxes under a DMP). No native animal should be allowed to be legally killed when their killing has been found to be inhumane by the Queensland Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.