


**Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022**

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To whom it may concern

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I wish to thank you for the opportunity of submitting in respect of the above bill.

There are clear statements that the Bill aims to reflect the *latest scientific knowledge and community attitudes*.

Recently there has been more scientific research regarding the humane treatment of animals based on growing acceptance of sentience and the ability to feel pain. Community attitudes have also changed regarding humane treatment, so animal welfare is increasingly important.

However, although there is this very welcome mention of the humaneness of treatment there is *an absence* of looking at the impacts of animal management practices on our native wildlife. There is growing evidence of secondary poisoning of birds and other native predators who have taken baited "pests", or eaten the poison directly. There is also evidence which shows that many native species have eaten 1080 and died in horrific ways.

The use of poisons has often been indiscriminate and careless, and possible impacts on native wildlife are rarely mentioned, or where it has been, not adequately or correctly assessed.

However, even less likely to be mentioned is the use of traps. Most people know about horrific injuries from jaw traps and have considered soft traps instead, but there has been no research on another widely available trap – the *glue traps*.

Glue traps are widely available in Australia and although 3 states have limited their use, they can still be purchased online. There are NO controls at all regarding their use, and unfortunately, many people put them inside and outside and do not check to see if anything has been caught.

Animals caught can die slow and horrific deaths from thirst, starvation, suffocation and injuries as they struggle to free themselves.

With a large number of people where questioned if they found an animal trapped, they stated that they would simply throw the trap in the bin. *This is inhumane and against the law in respect of Threatened Native species.*

The number of native animals caught on these traps is terrifying.

Australia is facing a wildlife extinction crisis and we need to stop the unnecessary death of wildlife. A multitude of carers and vets have rescued (and tried to save) reptiles, small native mammals (including bandicoots, antechinus, native rats), birds, raptors, pet kittens, and most often, our insectivorous bats. Unfortunately, most of these animals do not survive.

I respectfully ask that the committee consider the impacts of animal management processes and consider the unintended consequences on our native wildlife, as well as the humaneness of the process.

Glue traps must be included as a threatening process in the Bill. I would request that glue traps be banned.

Attached are photographs of many Native animals, some listed as Threatened for your perusal.

*Dated 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022*



