

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

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Thank you for this opportunity to make a submission to the Animal Care and Protection Amendment 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 humane treatment of animals based on growing acceptance of sentience and ability to feel pain. Community attitudes have also changed regarding humane treatment, indicating that animal welfare is increasingly important. However, although there is this very welcome mention of humaneness of treatment there is an absence of research, monitoring and controls around the impacts of animal management practices on our native wildlife, particularly trapping products and practices. Most people know about horrific injuries of 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 outside and do not check them regularly. Animals caught can die slow and horrific deaths from thirst, starvation, suffocation and injuries as they struggle to free themselves. This is inhumane. But even worse is the number of native animals caught on these traps. Australia is facing a wildlife extinction crisis and we need to stop unnecessary deaths of wildlife. 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. Most do not survive. I ask that the committee consider impacts of animal management processes and consider the unintended consequences on our native wildlife, as well as the humaneness of the practices. I ask that traps be included as a threatening process in the Bill. I would like to see the glue traps banned.