

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

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One of the cruelest methods of killing animals that exists today is the glue trap. These devices consist of pieces of cardboard, fiberboard, or plastic coated with a sticky adhesive designed to ensnare any small animal or bird who wanders across or lands on its surface. Trapped rodents and other animals suffer immeasurably during the days that it takes for them to die. Glue traps rip patches of skin, fur, and feathers off the animals' bodies as they struggle to escape, and many animals even chew off their own legs trying to get free. Some animals get their faces stuck in the glue and suffocate, which can take hours. And the screaming of ensnared rodents is extremely upsetting to people who are then unsure of how to "dispose" of these living creatures. Glue-trap manufacturers generally direct consumers to throw animals in the trash along with the trap, leaving the victims to suffer for days until they finally die of starvation, dehydration, or stress—a cruel fate. These glue traps are inhumane and deserve to have the necessary legislation that prevent their use. It is recommended that the legislation criminalises the use of the glue traps at the individual level and impose the necessary sanctions on businesses and companies that manufacture or encourage the use of such devices.