

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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If we were told tomorrow that we will all be wiped out in 6 months' time because the earth was going to be hit by an enormous asteroid that we had no control over, and then we were asked what did we most regret about our time on earth, I would like your Committee to reflect on this question.

I suspect you, and all people around the world, would respond by saying, that we should be ashamed of our relationship with and behaviour towards the natural world. It has been one of destruction, exploitation, control, fear and total lack of respect for or knowledge of. Of course there are exceptions to this, the First Nationals peoples of Australia being one group. However, it applies most strongly to the modern Western approach to life that Australia is part of. We have to start thinking more deeply about and acting in a way that is more in harmony with the natural world. In this context decisions on the appropriateness of products like glue traps of the type that are sold by Bunnings for profit are easy. They should be banned.