

**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, so animal welfare is increasingly important. Despite this intention, it is evident that 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 evidence that many native species have eaten 1080 and died in horrific ways. The use of poisons has often been indiscriminate and careless, and secondary impacts on native wildlife is rarely considered. This is very evident when the use of traps are considered. Most people are aware of horrific injuries caused by uncontrolled use of jaw traps and have considered soft traps instead. However, glue traps are never mentioned when native animal byproduct is considered. Glue traps are widely available in Australia and can still be purchased, without restriction, online. There are NO controls regarding their use, and many people use them inside and outside and do not check to see if anything has been caught. Wildlife caught in these traps die a slow and painful death from thirst, starvation, suffocation and injuries as they struggle to free themselves. 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 their encounter with a glue trap. We ask that the committee consider impacts of animal management processes, its unintended consequences on our native wildlife, and the humaneness of the process. We ask that traps be included as a threatening process in the Bill and would like to see the glue traps banned.