Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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I wish to call the Committee's attention to the failure of current animal protection legislation to protect animals against glue traps. These are sold by various outlets as a means by which to control for mice and rats, but the tragic truth is that they commonly kill a broad range of other animals, plus birds and reptiles. In addition, the method of death is slow and painful, causing extreme suffering to the animal over an extended period of time. Glue traps are, therefore, not an acceptable means by which to 'market' mice and rat control, let alone ignore the far wider suffering this form of marketing causes to other species, which are all too often native species, including endangered species. The context around their use matters as well. These traps are easily available and don't require specific training to use, which often results in people not using them properly or checking them frequently enough, ensuring the trapped animals will die a long painful death. I also note that how we treat animals and care for our wildlife is important because it provides the underlying context and direction for developing an aware and compassionate society. Your consideration of this POV in relation to the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022 thus carries with it significant implications for the ongoing 'tone' of our society. In this respect glue traps should be banned because they are inhumane and indiscriminate, and because allowing this form of animal control to continue would effectively support animal suffering in general, as well as the killing of endangered native species more specifically. I therefore implore the Committee to include a ban on the sale of glue traps as part of its overall set of recommendations for the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to this important inquiry.