

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Please consider the banning of glue traps that are commonly found in hardware stores such as Bunnings, and available through online stores. Though most people buy them with the intention to stop insects from destroying plants, these are traps that are very much 'set and forget', and unfortunately it is all too common for small native animals to get stuck to them and be unable to free themselves, leading to a slow and painful death, or to do irreparable harm to themselves in trying to escape. Even those that are found in time can die if the person attempts to free them from the glue trap rather than taking them to the vets, who are better equip to deal with such situations. With how many insect traps there are available on the market, ones that have no affect on our wildlife, why then is something so damaging still legally available to buy from retailers? With how many of our native species are endangered or at risk, we should be doing our best to minimise the loss of any more.