

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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This proposal to update the legislation in Queensland is a golden opportunity to reflect changing attitudes towards animal welfare. Please ban the sale and use of all glue traps: they are inhumane and indiscriminate. They cruelly trap both pest animals and non pest wildlife. The long slow death and suffering which these traps cause is totally unacceptable in modern Australia whether the animal is a pest or highly valued wildlife or pet. Any animal unfortunate enough to touch these traps is caught, the trap does not discriminate and the animal suffers a long painful death. These appalling traps which belong to a long forgotten past should never be on sale to the general public and indeed should not be used by farmers or anyone else needing to protect their property. Any attempts to limit the sale to 'responsible' adults or to ensure glue trap buyers are properly informed how to use the traps humanely will not work but merely result in people 'forgetting' what they are supposed to do with the consequent indiscriminate animal cruelty. Other western countries have now banned the traps - because of their cruelty and their inability to discriminate between pest animals and valued animals whether pets or endangered species. If animals need to be killed there are now many different products to achieve this more accurately and with less cruelty involved. Please take this opportunity to ban these dreadful outdated cruel traps and take Queensland forward to a modern approach to animal control.