

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Dear committee, My submission concerns the use of "glue traps" in QLD which are designed to trap insects and rodents in the glue coating. They are a "set and forget" type of pest control but are fundamentally flawed as the trapped insects attract a lot of other wildlife which in turn also become stuck in the glue and if not discovered and taken to a Vet for careful removal, die slowly and painfully. Wild Animals Australia is a Brisbane based wildlife rescue organization who started an online petition asking Bunnings to stop selling these devices and they have received close to 85 000 signatures in support of this proposal as of today. They are also sent images every day from people all over QLD and NSW of wildlife caught on glue traps which they share online. These unfortunate animals include: an endangered Stephens banded snake in NSW which clearly died of dehydration, a Southern Boobook owl, a wild cockatiel, young magpies, doves, all kinds of reptiles, the list goes on and on. These devices are far too indiscriminate and dangerous for creatures which they are not designed to trap, they should not be allowed and should be banned immediately. It is far too easy to misuse them and they are clearly not fit for purpose as evidenced by the many images available of destroyed wildlife stuck to glue traps. Please seriously consider banning these wretched devices.