

**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. Glue traps are widely available in Australia and although 3 states have limited their use, they can still be purchased online. There are NO controls at all regarding their use, and the traps are both indiscriminant and inhumane. Animals caught can die slow and horrific deaths from thirst, starvation, suffocation and injuries as they struggle to free themselves. In particular, the number of native animals caught on these traps should be of significant concern and should be considered in this review. Australia is facing a wildlife extinction crisis and unnecessary and inhumane deaths of wildlife must stop. Carers and vets have rescued (and tried to save) reptiles, small native mammals (including bandicoots, antechinus, native rats), birds, raptors, pets, and most often, our insectivorous bats. Most do not survive. I ask that the committee consider consequences of these traps on our native wildlife. I ask that traps be included as a threatening process in the Bill due to the inhumane nature of death in almost all cases. I strongly request that glue traps be banned.