

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

Submission No: 975
Submitted by: Peeter Kull
Publication: Make my submission and my name public
Attachments: No attachment

Submitter Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity. Regarding humane treatment of animals, based on growing acceptance of sentience and ability to feel pain, community attitudes towards animal welfare is increasingly important. However, there appears an absence of looking at the impacts of animal management practices. There is growing evidence of secondary poisoning of birds and other native predators who have taken baited "pests", or eaten the poison directly; dying in horrific ways. As for traps, people are aware of the horrific injuries of jaw traps and have considered soft traps instead, but there has been no research on another widely available trap – the glue traps. Glue traps are widely available in Australia and although it appears some authorities have limited their use, they can still be easily purchased; including online. There appears no controls regarding their use, and unfortunately many people put them inside and outside and for whatever reason do not check to see if anything has been caught. Animals caught can die slow and horrific deaths from thirst, starvation, suffocation and injuries as they struggle to free themselves. This is inhumane. This includes native animals caught on these traps. Australia is facing a wildlife extinction crisis and we need to stop unnecessary deaths. Carers and vets have rescued (and tried to save) reptiles, small native mammals (including bandicoots, antechinus, native rats), birds, raptors, pet kittens, and insectivorous bats. Survival rates being low. It would seem pertinent the impacts of animal management processes and the humaneness of the processes be considered and that traps be included as a threatening process in the Bill; hopefully with glue traps being banned. Thank you for your efforts.