

**Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022**

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There is a growing body of research into the humane treatment of animals with a basis in the acceptance of their sentience and ability to experience pain and distress. Community attitudes have likewise evolved regarding animal welfare and therefore it follows that legislation should reflect these expectations. Animal management practices and subsequent impacts on native fauna need to be included in this amendment. The use of poisons and physical traps is often indiscriminate and careless with potential impacts on wildlife rarely taken into consideration or correctly assessed. I feel compelled to draw attention to the use of glue traps which are widely available to the general public in Australia. There are no controls at all regarding their use and unfortunately many people install and forget. Wildlife groups are reporting numerous cases of animals dying slow, horrible deaths from thirst, starvation, suffocation and injuries from futile efforts to free themselves. Apparently it is also not uncommon for people to throw the trap in the bin with the captured creature still alive. Obviously this is inhumane and illustrates the necessity to ban these traps from use. The victims of glue traps presenting to carers and vets by concerned individuals include reptiles, small native mammals (including Bandicoots, antechinus, native rats) birds, raptors, pet kittens and most often native bats. It should be noted that most do not survive. I request that the committee consider the impacts of animal management processes and specifically any unintended consequences on native wildlife and how humane the process is more generally. I request that glue traps specifically be included as a threatening process in the Bill and ultimately be banned from sale or use within Australia.