

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

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There are clear statements that the Bill aims to reflect the latest scientific knowledge and community attitudes. which has shifted based on growing acceptance of animal sentience and ability to feel pain. Community attitudes have also changed regarding humane treatment of animals in general, so animal welfare is increasingly important to an increasing number of people. Poisons such as 1080 are indiscriminate, with evidence of secondary poisoning of birds and other native predators who have scavenged bait victims or eaten the poison directly continuing to mount. Public knowledge of this also continues to grow, leading to the use of traps of various kinds. Glue traps are widely available in Australia; hough 3 states have placed some form of limit on them there is no controls at all regarding their use or easy availability online. The use of glue traps is abhorrent in and of itself as the death endured by the trapped animal is not a quick one but rather cruel and protracted as they die of thirst, starvation, suffocation, or injuries incurred attempting escape. Unfortunately, far too many people will just set and forget, rarely checking the traps as often as they should. When questioned on their response to the situation of finding an animal caught by their trap, several deployers responded that they would simply throw the trap in the bin. Further, as if the inherent cruelty wasn't enough of a reason, the collateral damage to wildlife not targetted by these things is unnecessary and excessive. Australia is facing a well publicised ongoing crisis of wildlife extinction, which this committee's actions can affect. Carers and vets have tried to save reptiles, small native mammals (including bandicoots, antechinus, native rats), birds, raptors, pet kittens, and most often, insectivorous bats. Most do not survive. I ask that the committee consider these unintended consequences on our native wildlife, as well as the inherent cruelty of the process, and at the very least include these devices as a threatening process in the Bill. Ideally I would prefer it if glue traps were banned under this Bill so that it might be used to influence debate in my home state.