

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

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I am writing to recommend that the sale and use of glue traps be discontinued. They have caused injury and proved fatal to much wildlife; wildlife that wasn't the original target. I've had one experience of saving a butcher bird from an unfortunate glue trap experience. We live on a bush block and that year 3 young butcher birds fledged. The 3 'Amigos' came for drinks from the bowls and had fun attacking some of my pot plants. No worries; my husband made some small wire surrounds to protect the plants. There are always safe ingenious ways to tackle such issues. Very early one morning one of the youngsters turned up on the verandah, just sitting on the tiles and looking not long for this life. Gloves on, I picked up the bird thinking that I'd find blood etc. No blood but some very sticky substance underneath the birds wing just next to its body and missing downy feathers. No time to wait for wildlife rescue; I decided to just use warm water and see if I could wash this substance off. Well it worked and I then placed the bird on towels in a darkened cage. Checked with wildlife rescue who stated that the bird had likely come into contact with a glue trap and just to wait and see if it revives. Fortunately it did. Took off from the cage; a touch wobbly to begin with. However all 3 birds were around on other days and the survivor appeared all good. Until this incident I'd never even heard of glue traps.