

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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ERADICATION OF RETAIL SELLING OF GLUE TRAPS

I would like to make my submission to have Glue Traps banned and removed from the shelves of Bunnings Australia, and any other business that is involved with the retail of these products, to be taken into consideration when reviewing the QLD Animal Cruelty law.

My own experience has taught me how inhumane and indiscriminate these glue traps are. Had I known prior, I would not have purchased them for use but chosen an alternative that would not have been so traumatic to witness.

To watch an animal suffer unnecessarily and my being forced into a state of helplessness because there was nothing I could do without inflicting more pain and misery, is horrific and was unexpected. Watching the impact on the animal itself trying to extricate itself was ten times worse due to the pain it was experiencing.

I was not aware of the consequences and had not received any information when the product was purchased. As a result, I will never purchase these products ever again now being fully aware of the outcome.

Because of their being currently easily available, no doubt I am not alone in my experience and many others most probably have had the same traumatic experience. I only wish, in hind sight, that someone could have forewarned me. To those who don't check their glue traps, I can only assume the misery of an animal suffering a long painful death.

Please take my plea into consideration when undertaking the review of the QLD Animal Cruelty law to prevent ongoing trauma to both animal and human alike. As a past resident of Queensland, it would be a great achievement to know that Queensland takes a proactive lead in eradicating glue traps. Ideally, it would be great to have them banned throughout Australia.

Regards

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