

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Thank you for this opportunity to make a submission to the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill. Although I do not currently reside in Queensland, I fervently hope that a positive example by Queensland will facilitate similar legislation in Victoria. I am ashamed to say that Victoria is far from being a leader in animal welfare. First, while there is this very welcome mention of humaneness of treatment in the Bill, there is an absence of looking at the impacts of animal management practices on our native wildlife. There are many documented cases of both native and exotic species, including domestic animals, taking 1080 and suffering a long and horrific death. There is also growing evidence of secondary poisoning of birds and other native predators who have taken baited "pests" or eaten the poison directly. Poisons are the clumsiest and cruellest way to cull populations. They are also indiscriminate. I regularly see the suffering of native wildlife and the loss of entire strata of native ecosystems from simple household use of legally and readily obtained poisons and pesticides.

Second, overlooked in discussion of this Bill is the use of glue traps. These are the slowest killers of all, an agonising death of thirst, starvation, suffocation and injuries as they struggle to free themselves. They are the lazy method of control, attractive only to those who by default use them illegally. Glue traps have the power to trap reptiles, small native mammals (including bandicoots, antechinus, native rats), birds, raptors, insectivorous bats, even pet kittens! I ask that the committee considering impacts of animal management processes consider unintended consequences on our native wildlife, as well as the humaneness of the process. I ask that traps be included as a threatening process in the Bill and that glue traps be banned.