

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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As part of your review of animal cruelty laws in Queensland, it is important that you also consider glue traps. In particular because they are indiscriminate in what they capture which includes birds, reptiles and small mammals that may be attracted to insects already trapped or accidentally come into contact. Death is almost certain for these creatures however it is slow, painful and terrifying and there is very limited ability once trapped to extricate these animals safely and quickly. Numerous affordable alternatives to glue traps are available that specifically target insects and that do not pose a risk to other wildlife. Additionally, many people mistakenly assume that glue traps only trap insects as the labelling does not clearly highlight the broader dangers. There is also scope for people to misuse the traps even with the best intentions for example if the traps are left on the ground or fall to the ground where small reptiles and mammals may be walking. Furthermore, pest control measures must be designed to minimise "collateral" and suffering and kill the target as humanely as possible. This is simply not the case with glue traps and as such, their place in pest control must be considered.