

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Animal welfare is a growing concern for the community as there is more awareness on animal preservation. There is also a growing amount of scientific research and discovery surrounding animal sensitivity to pain and consciousness. Awareness of humane animal treatment is being recognised within this bill, yet there is still a lack of awareness around pest management and how that impacts our national wildlife directly. There has been little to no regulation on glue traps within our country, a trap that has caused too many deaths to our precious wildlife. It is inhumane to leave these traps for animals to get caught in to soon die a painful death. Many countries such as New Zealand, Ireland, Iceland, the U.K. and more have already banned these cruel traps. Even the majority of our own country has taken the same action such as the Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania and Victoria. It is time we follow suit as well. We must think outside the box to prevent these avoidable deaths by considering how to humanely address these issues and preserve our wildlife the best we can. We ask that this be taken into consideration when discussing humane animal treatment and that glue traps be banned from use.