

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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I would like to take his opportunity to make a submission to the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill regarding the inhumane and destructive Glue Traps currently sold in Australia.

Glue traps are widely available in Australia. and although 3 states have limited their use, they may still be purchased online. There are zero controls regarding their use, and many people put them both inside and outside. Animals caught can die slow and horrific deaths from thirst, starvation, suffocation and injuries as they struggle to free themselves. This is absolutely cruel and inhumane, and should be banned completely and without delay. The large number of native animals caught and cruelly killed on these traps is extremely concerning, and is a source of national shame, particularly as Australia is facing a wildlife extinction crisis. The unnecessary deaths of wildlife must be prevented. Reptiles, small native mammals, including bandicoots, antechinus, native rats, birds, raptors, and most often, insectivorous bats have been, and continue to be caught in these traps. Most do not survive. Please consider the consequences to our native wildlife, as well as the cruelty of the process for both native and non-native animals trapped in this way. Please include traps as a threatening process in the Bill. I would like to see the glue traps banned completely and immediately. Thank you for considering this statement.