

**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. There are clear statements that the Bill aims to reflect the latest scientific knowledge and community attitudes. That should include scientific research regarding humane treatment of animals based on growing acceptance of sentience and ability to feel pain. Community attitudes have also changed regarding humane treatment with animal welfare becoming increasingly important. Any consideration of humane treatment needs to include the impacts of animal management practices on our native wildlife. There is growing evidence of secondary poisoning of birds and other native predators who have taken baited "pests", or eaten the poison directly. There is evidence that many native species have eaten 1080 and died in horrific ways. The use of poisons has often been indiscriminate and careless, and possible impacts on native wildlife is rarely mentioned, or where it has been, it is not adequately or correctly assessed. However, even less likely to be mentioned is the use of traps. Most people know about animals suffering horrific injuries from jaw traps and have considered soft traps instead. However, there has not been any research on glue traps despite them being widely available.. Glue traps are widely available in Australia and although 3 states have limited their use, they can still be purchased online and from a leading hardware chain. There are NO controls at all regarding their use. As a result animals caught in these traps can die slow and horrific deaths from thirst, starvation, suffocation and injuries as they struggle to free themselves. This is inhumane and unacceptable. Native animals are not immune from these torturous devices. I ask that the Committee consider whether the use of such inhumane devices properly reflects the opinions of modern society. I also ask the Committee to consider the unintended consequences on our native wildlife. I ask that traps be included as a threatening process in the Bill and would like to see glue traps banned.