

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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To Whom it May Concern,

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Mahatma Gandhi

I'm writing to ask that the penalties for perpetrators of animal cruelty be greatly increased, including significant jail time.

I was employed by the RSPCA many years ago for a number of years and was repeatedly sickened and saddened by the pathetic consequences experienced by offenders of varying degrees of cruelty to animals. It made me embarrassed to be Australian. Surely, we can do better to send a clear message that we are a nation that holds such important moral issues paramount and not a nation focused on ideological dross.

I am also asking that the sticky traps sold in Australia be banned (nationwide) as well as any product that indiscriminately kills non-targeted species.

I have lived in rural Australia for a number of years now and have seen the shocking devastation inflicted on our native wildlife as a result of inadequate target-specific pest control. In the 21st century this is not acceptable. A little serious thought would go a long way to improve our parochial methods.

Sincerely,

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