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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. I have already answered the questionnaire. However, my remarks relate to the term of reference - (g) any other related matter.

The issue relates to the use of cruel means to destroy animals that are considered pests. Often these cruel methods are permitted to be used under regulations and laws.

I believe the following methods **should never** be used:

Padded jaw traps create fear and distress, animals can gnaw off their legs, or be attacked by larger carnivores; **mesh traps** also cause distress. All traps need labour-intensive checking to avoid cruelty,

Toxic baits – other native animals (dingoes, goannas, eagles, devils, etc) and domestic animals may take these. They cause long lingering deaths. 1080 (used in Eradicat) and Wafarin cause severe pain and suffering. See also my comments and some quotes on 1080 below.

'Curiosity' is claimed to be humane. However, Curiosity halts the supply of oxygen in the blood. Thus, it kills by asphyxiation. A trial at Roxby Downs reported cats poisoned by Curiosity were found lying in their own vomit, having defecated and with cyanosed soft tissue around the mouth. (Roxby Downs Trial Paper Section 2.28 Post-Mortem examination)

The report is in the link below:

<https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/65e6f9c0-7dac-4312-8006-866f495632e0/files/curiosity-roxby-downs.pdf>

Furthermore, the 2014 scientific study report on both Eradicat and Curiosity at Roxby Downs showed a 50% decline in corvids, including the Australian Raven and Little Crow. It appears that the government's efforts thus far have been to waste \$4.1 million of taxpayer funds developing an inhumane cat bait that also kills our wildlife.

It is a disgrace that the government claims that Curiosity delivers a benign death, when the opposite is the case.

1080 poison is illegal in Europe and the EU, and even in China. It is a threat to human life, because it has been found to enter the water table and show up in rivers, streams and fish. Australia should ban its use.

The link below refers to a research article by Sherley (2007), which concludes that 1080 is not humane. See link:

<https://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/ufaw/aw/2007/00000016/00000004/art00004>

The next link below is 'Killing Schrodinger's Feral Cat', by Dr Clive Marks *Animal Studies Journal* (2013) (Vol. 2 Iss. 2/4, 51-66).

It deals with laboratory experiments on cats to determine the effects of 1080, and it should be compulsory reading for those who are responsible for inflicting this inhumane toxin on sentient creatures.

<http://ro.uow.edu.au/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1071&context=asj>

I hope the inquiry can do all in its power to stop the use of these terrible poisons and toxins. I also think the government should look closely at all animal testing in laboratories to ensure that institutionalised cruelty is not taking place. Experiments should be on humans, for whom cures are intended, not animals, whose bodies are completely different. Often results do not transfer to humans and thus the cruel experiments are a waste of time and pain anyway.

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