



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO.4 - INDUSTRY

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **INQUIRY INTO THE EXHIBITION OF EXOTIC ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES AND THE EXHIBITION OF CETACEANS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**27 September 2019**

A NSW Upper House committee has commenced an inquiry into the exhibition of exotic animals in circuses and the exhibition of cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises) in New South Wales.

It will consider:

- whether breeding practices of exotic animals and cetaceans should continue for use in circuses and exhibition,
- if the use of exotic animals in circuses and cetaceans for exhibition should be phased out, and
- if there should be other legislative or regulatory action taken in this area.

The Chair, Mr Mark Banasiak MLC, said: "The committee will also be launching an online questionnaire shortly to enable as many interested stakeholders as possible to have their say."

Submissions are open until 24 November 2019 and can be lodged via the committee's website: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/portfoliocommittee4>. Hearings are anticipated to commence in early 2020, with the committee then due to report by the end of June 2020.

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