

## Pro forma C – 1064 responses received

Dear Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the exhibition of exotic animals in circuses and exhibition of cetaceans in New South Wales.

I do not support the use of exotic animals in circuses or the exhibition of cetaceans – this is exploitation, not entertainment, and also sets a poor example to children by promoting dominance and disrespect towards animals. I am shocked that such practices continue to be allowed in New South Wales.

The needs of exotic animals in circuses and cetaceans in captivity can never be met in such an artificial and unnatural environment, resulting in poor welfare and unnecessary suffering. Forcing them to perform humiliating tricks for a food reward is unethical and contrary to their natural behaviours.

I also strongly oppose the breeding of exotic animals for use in circuses and cetaceans for exhibition – this must be stopped immediately. No animal should be born into exploitation. And they most certainly must never be taken from the wild.

I do not believe any current legislation that regulates exhibited animals is adequate as exploiting animals for entertainment is inherently cruel.

I support a two year phase out of the use of exotic animals in circuses and cetaceans in marine parks.

Yours sincerely,