



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO.4 - INDUSTRY

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

10 August 2020

A NSW Upper House committee will hold two hearings on **Thursday 13 and Friday 14 August 2020** for its inquiry into the exhibition of exotic animals in circuses and the exhibition of cetaceans in New South Wales.

The committee is considering:

- 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.

On Thursday the committee will hear from the NSW Government and industry groups such as Animals All Around and the Dolphin Marine Conservation Park. Animal welfare groups including the RSPCA and Animal Defenders Office will be appearing on Friday.

The Chair, Mr Mark Banasiak MLC, said: "These hearings will hear from stakeholders on both sides of the argument to gain a full understanding of the issue."

The hearings can be watched [live on the Parliament's website](#) on

- **Thursday 13 August:** 10.00 am – 3.45 pm
- **Friday 14 August:** 11.15 am – 5.00 pm.

For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, and submissions received, please visit the committee's [website](#).

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, Hon Mark Banasiak MLC, on 9230 3511