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

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to you today in regards to the animals in "entertainment" inquiry.

Id like you to consider the amount of stress animals are put under in these environments whether that is being trapped in a pool, going from a small enclosure to transportation cages trucked around the country for their entire time they are considered viable for "entertainment".

Studies have shown animals used for these purposes exhibit the same characteristics as animals in zoos, known as zoochosis a condition where animals display repetitive behaviour patterns with no objective, this leads to stress and depression. These habits are not displayed by their brothers and sisters in the wild

Id like you to take a step back for a minute and consider if this was around the other way, if there was another species on this planet that decided they liked the way we looked and thought it would be fun to capture, breed and enslave us into their system for entertainment to perform tricks for them and leave us locked in enclosures all day when we should be free. How would that make you feel?

Thank you for your time. I would hope you consider the plight of other animals for "entertainment" such as petting zoos, rodeos, greyhound/horse racing in another inquiry.