

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

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I am firmly opposed to the holding in captivity of wild animals by circuses, dolphinariums, and zoos other than large parks like the Taronga Western Plains Zoo near Dubbo. I think it is time NSW caught up with the growing mood of animal rights in the rest of the world. Animals deserve to be treated with respect, with access to large areas to roam at will. Confining them in close quarters for the entertainment of humans and the raising of income for commercial organisations who lack the best interests of these animals is something which should be legislated out of existence as soon as it can be arranged - ideally this year.