

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

**Name:** Name suppressed  
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To The Committee for the Animals in Entertainment Inquiry,

I do not believe that the current legislation regarding animals in entertainment ensures exotic animals' welfare. I support the phase out of exotic animals used in entertainment.

Whenever I have seen exotic animals used in circuses, I have been appalled by the conditions they are kept in. I have witnessed distressed, pacing animals that are exposed to unnatural weather conditions as well as noise and traffic pollution. On display along highways, such as James Rouse Drive, animals are kept in small cages, close to natural prey/predators with no source of entertainment. They are not provided with enough space to roam and exercise. If circus staff are willing to display this level of neglect to the public, I can only wonder how they treat animals when they are out of the public's view.

Similarly, dolphins and whales in marine parks are kept in adhorrent, unnatural environments. They are left unstimulated and are unable to engage in their usual, enriching social systems. It is impossible to artificially provide these animals with the vast amount of space they naturally thrive in.

I do not believe that the current legislation is adequate for protecting animals' welfare. I support the phase out of animals used in entertainment.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission into this inquiry.