

**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 want to make a submission to the Animals in "Entertainment" Inquiry. I strongly object to the use of animals for "entertainment", including in circuses, rodeos, seaworld, and in horse and greyhound racing. Many of these "entertainment" industries are purely about money-making and gambling, and contributes nothing to the education or advancement of society. Animals are not on this earth for us to use and abuse as we like. They are sentient beings who have a fundamental right to freedom, safety and dignity. None of these industries offer them that, quite the contrary. There have been many reports and exposes over the years of how animals suffer tremendously (and often dies) in these "entertainment" industries. In a world where we have endless choices of entertainment (and endless choices to throw away our money), the use (and sometimes life-long confinement) of animals for "entertainment" is archaic, unconscionable, unnecessary, and utterly unethical. The NSW government and Australia should lead the way and say NO to and outright ban the use and abuse of animals for "entertainment".