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

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Please ensure Australia keeps up to date with scientific evidence based on the welfare of animals in circuses. Many countries across the world have banned the use of animals for "entertainment" as:

there is no educational benefit for audiences to gain from seeing these animals in unusual and psychologically damaging conditions,
the animals are kept in small cages whilst not on stage and "trained" in cruel conditions
distressed animals have been known to act out and maim members of the circus and the crowd,
some animals are illegally poached from the wild,
circuses do not contribute to saving endangered species
and the conditions the animals live in (whilst travelling, "on tour" and outside of tour dates) are appalling.

For further information, please see the following links:

<https://www.animalsasia.org/au/media/news/news-archive/why-animals-should-not-be-in-circuses.html>

<https://www.couriermail.com.au/rendezview/australia-must-ban-wild-animals-in-the-circus/news-story/3455d6931ad686e01cc0b3a546238c5a>

There is no benefit to using animals in circuses and the practises are immoral and unethical. Circuses don't need to be shut down as they can entertain audiences with acrobats, clowns and performances from consenting adults. Please ensure this outdated form of entertainment is removed today. Please ensure Australia is on the right side of history.