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

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Animals in circuses is a very outdated form of entertainment. Wild animals and domestic animals should not be trained to perform, mostly cruel methods and abuse are used to bully them into submission and they are too frightened not to perform. It is a terrible life for them, long days on the road, more often than not confined to cages, no room to move. Wild animals are not meant for this barbaric way of life, they deserve freedom to move and live in as natural a setting as possible, obviously they cannot be released back into the wild, a reputable sanctuary is the only way they can have their freedom and live as natural a life as possible. Lions and tigers have their babies taken away from their mothers at a very young age, often only days or weeks old to be trained for a life of hell. Domestic animals in circuses need to have the chance to either go to a reputable sanctuary or to be adopted into a loving caring home. Time governments and councils stop ignoring the shocking cruelty associated with circuses and ensure no animals are allowed to perform in any circus. It is incomprehensible to think that humans abuse these animals for monetary gain and are allowed to continue to do so. If humans were treated in the same manner, there would be an uprising in huge protests. Animals deserve to be treated with the same respect that humans expect, they feel pain, mental suffering and mothers and babies grieve the same as humans do.