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

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

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Our family is horrified at the dreadful lives that exotic animals suffer in circuses and the like. This also applies to cetaceans.

They should not be kept in captivity and bred specially to perform for the public. This is not the way to educate the public about animals.

These animals suffer every day: they are held captive, separated from their families and deprived of any natural behaviours. They often damage themselves through boredom. This cruelty must end.

It is barbaric that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we still have dolphins, monkeys and lions, for example, forced to perform for human 'entertainment'. They are wild animals, and they deserve their freedom.

All these exotic animals deserve our care. They should not be subjected to cruel jeering by spectators, akin to the colosseum in the days of ancient Rome. We should be better than that. It is up to the government to stop this dreadful activity forthwith.

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