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

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Dear Parliament of New South Wales,

I am writing to request that you change NSW legislation to ban animals used for entertainment within this state. Animals held in unnatural environments (captivity) are deprived of a normal environment including behaviours and interactions with others in their vicinity. These animals suffer boredom, stress, frustration and this leads to apathy and is actually cruel.

There has been a massive paradigm shift within our society to not view animals as disposable commodities used for entertainment and profit, most people now have an understanding of the intellect and emotions of animals and would prefer them to live happy and fulfilled lives in their natural habitat.

The Government has the power to move with this paradigm shift and ban the use of animals for entertainment and that includes horses, dogs, monkeys, dolphins and lions to name a few.

Please consider that the voice of the people represents the voice of these animals and make amends for the cruelty animals have endured to date.

Yours faithfully,

Anna Lewis