

**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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The time for having animals kept for the entertainment of humans should now be a thing of the dark ages. We are supposed to be more enlightened today about our world but we still persist in the cruel practise of forcing animals not only to stay in cages and totally unnatural enclosures but to also perform inhumane and demeaning tricks. Whenever I have seen animals doing these tricks it has actually made me feel uncomfortable and upset. At no time in my life, even at a very young age, have I ever found this practise entertaining or pleasurable. Many captive animals are considered necessary for education. This is just ridiculous and totally unnecessary. I have been to Seaworld on the Gold Coast and found it a sad experience. It was supposed to be both entertaining and educational. All I could think of was how much happier these animals would be in their own environment. I saw seals kept in small fenced-off areas out the back of where the shows take place. It was a pathetic site to see. Watching the dolphins and seals performing their tricks just made me feel upset. Please ban this practise of animals kept for entertainment. We are supposed to be far more enlightened than this. Humans are co-occupiers of this planet NOT the masters of it. We are a part of a beautiful cycle of life NOT the owner of it. By keeping animals in captivity, we are being bullies and cruel masters.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.