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

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I have always been against animals and cetaceans for entertainment. As a young child I went to a few circuses and did not enjoy the animals being forced to entertain, I did not think they were comfortable being a spectacle in front of so many people. Wild animals do not belong in circuses or any animal for that matter, cetaceans are forced to entertain and live in cramped pools. Animals in circuses spend a lot of time travelling in small enclosed spaces and are kept in confined cages or space when they arrive at their destination. Cubs are often ripped away from their mothers in the first weeks after they are born, this is heartbreaking for the mothers and their young. Trainers subject the animals to cruelty to force them to perform, this makes them afraid to not perform because they know they will be abused if they don't, often bullhooks are used to abuse elephants to beat them into submission. There are no checks by governments to see how the animals are treated, is it any wonder when a wild animal has had enough and attack their trainers? Laws need to be introduced to prevent circuses and marine parks from using animals and cetaceans and this needs to be policed by authorities on a regular basis, the people who own the circuses and marine parks are only interested in exploiting animals for monetary gain.

All animals in circuses need to be rescued and given a home in a safe sanctuary, obviously they cannot be released back into the wild. Cetaceans need to have safe sea pens to be moved into so they have as close to a natural life as possible in the ocean. I cannot understand the evil and cruel motives of people exploiting animals for their own end, they must be stopped.