

**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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To whom this may concern,

I am a 59 year old professional working mother deeply concerned that the state of NSW still allows the use of exotic animals for entertainment. These animals have a right to live their lives in a natural environment free from stress and the pressure of having to perform in front of hordes of people forced to activities and exhibit behaviour that is not natural to them.

It is obvious that the best environment for an animal, is in the wild or at worse, one that is close to its natural environment not being hauled all over the country in a cage forced to do ridiculous things for entertainment. This cruelty leads to stress and behaviour issues for the poor animals.

I am aware that is an issue across Australia and not just in the state of NSW and I am very grateful for the opportunity to put this submission forward and ask that you please change the law to place a ban on the use of exotic animals in entertainment.

While I appreciate some companies may face a temporary drop in earnings with this change, there are many examples of extremely successful organisations providing similar entertainment restricted to human acts only so those traditional companies such as Stardust would in time, come up with viable alternatives and may even come to realise how cruel and unnecessary it was to use animals.

Please put this ban in place, this would be a great thing for all animals currently trapped in this industry.

Yours sincerely

Carolyn Barnes