

Submission  
No 168

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

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Please accept this as my submission against the use of animals for entertainment. I do not support the use nor breeding of exotic animals and cetaceans for use in entertainment.

I live in a somewhat backward area where the council has not recognised that circuses which use animals are outdated, losing popularity and downright cruel. When the circus comes to town there is always a feeling of dread and shame. I feel shame that Australians still find animal abuse entertaining, many overseas countries have banned the use of animals for entertainment years ago and more are committing to every day. I read this morning that Paris just banned it. We should too.

Living and performing in a circus is a very unnatural life for a wild animal and methods used to train them to do demeaning tricks are at best questionable, and historically heinously cruel. This is not entertainment but abuse on many levels.

Thank you for accepting my submission.