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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 do not support the use of exotic animals and cetaceans in commercially operated entertainment enterprises such as circuses. Nor do I support the captive breeding of such animals by these organisations in order for them to have a continued supply of these animals for commercial gain. These sentient creatures are held their whole lives in captivity in small sterile cages or pens with little consideration to their natural habitat or behaviours. A lion for example can walk more than ten kilometres in a day and a dolphin can swim over 100 kilometres in a day.

Circus animals are regularly transported from town to town and all exotic animals and cetaceans used for entertainment are subject to often cruel conditioning techniques in order to perform unnatural acts for the entertainment of humans. A simple drive by when a circus is in town shows how majestic lions are kept in small grassless pens with no shade.

It is past time to end the use of exotic animals for human entertainment. These animals deserve better lives than being demeaned and laughed at by an uncaring public.