

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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I support a ban on the use of exotic animals in circuses. It is completely inappropriate to traffick or breed animals for use in entertainment, especially exotic animals with complex needs. To keep animals such as elephants, who roam hundreds of kilometres in complex family groups, or apex predators such as lions or tiger who are agitated by close contact with other animals, in travelling accomodation is completely inappropriate. Similarly, the captivity of animals such as dolphins and orcas is nothing short of psychological torture. These highly intelligent beings deserve so much better than to be the playthings of bored humans looking to be “entertained”

Further, I would support the complete ban on animals in entertainment beyond the scope of this inquiry. Whilst “domesticated” beings may exhibit less distress than those listed above, it is clear they suffer.

I am a previous resident of NSW and have seen the inadequate treatment and accomodation of circus animals as they travel through NSW.

It is time to step into the 21st century and leave cruelty and exploitation to the shameful past