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

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A circus environment could never meet the fundamental physiological and psychological needs of exotic animals. They are kept in cages and pens their entire lives, including during transport, unable to engage in their natural behaviour. Lions in the wild can roam vast areas, claiming territory and seeking out mates, but they can't do this while being confined to wagons or trucks for days at a time touring with a circus. Macaque monkeys, who are our close relatives and prefer to live in large mixed groups, are kept in metal cages with limited opportunity to socialise. There are simply no improvements to their housing or transport that could overcome these problems, which are inherent in a circus environment.

Most countries are banning animals in entertainment, because people are recognising that when one has to hurt another for entertainment, then there is no fun in that act.