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

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It is the 21st Century. We know that animals are fully sentient beings that feel the full array of emotions like humans and that have the capacity for profound suffering. It is absolutely unacceptable that in these times with all the knowledge that we have that animals are being confined and enslaved in order to do unnatural tricks in circuses or that marine animals like dolphins are being confined in tiny concrete pools in marine parks for their entire lives. This ALL has to end. Animals should be free and not exploited for so-called human entertainment. An animal shouldn't be trapped for life so a human can go and spend half an hour staring at it doing unnatural tricks. All forms of animal exploitation need to end in this country including animals in circuses, marine parks, greyhound racing and animals in scientific laboratories. We need to end it now, progress, evolve and become a more humane and civilised society.