

**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 do not support the use of exotic animals and cetaceans for use in entertainment and I do not support the breeding of exotic animals or cetaceans

Stardust circus came to Warrawong in October this year and many members of the local community were against it. There was also protest of over 30 people at the circus. Many comments on social media expressed surprise and concern that circuses still have lions and monkeys forced to perform.

For the 6 Lions in the travelling Stardust Circus, our laws state they only need a 70m² area in which to live. This is the space of just over 4 parking spaces, or 1/4 of a tennis court. This is disgraceful.

For the 4 Rhesus Macaques at Stardust Circus, our laws state they only require a 12.5m² area in which to live out their lives. This is just 85% as large as a parking space, or the equivalent of 3 king sized beds.

In the Illawarra, local community members have for many years been lobbying council to not approve circuses with wild animals to perform on council land but council didn't agree. I am aware that 40 councils across Australia have banned them from performing on council land and the ACT, and 45 countries across the world.

The RSPCA is also against the use of exotic animals in circuses saying that wildness cannot be bred out of those animals.

I would also prefer if the committee had included more animals to be exempt from performing.