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

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In the case of the circus I want to make it clear that I am not against circuses per se. Only circuses with animals. I am sure the owners of the circus believe they treat their animals very well and they generally correct in saying they operate within the rules and regulations. But those regulations allow for a lion, for example, to have a dwelling only the size of a ¼ of tennis court. So the bottom line is that these animals are kept in captivity and transported all around the country to perform in front of hundreds of people. This is not a natural scenario for these animals and it is no wonder sometimes these animals – while treated as well as they can be in captivity – eventually can turn on their owners.

Is it really necessary that we see animals in circuses or dolphins in a tank? In my view when someone purchases a ticket to see an animal related circus or dolphins spending their life in a barren tank, they are perpetuating a life of captivity and slavery of wild animals.