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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 am against the use of exotic animals and cetaceans for exhibition in circuses and performing tricks for human entertainment.

In particular I note the Stardust circus, surely one of the last to treat animals in this way provides that for the 6 Lions in the travelling Stardust Circus, our laws state they only need a 70m<sup>2</sup> area in which to live. This is the space of just over 4 parking spaces, or ¼ of a tennis court. This is disgraceful and for the 4 Rhesus Macaques at Stardust Circus, our laws state they only require a 12.5m<sup>2</sup> 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.

There used to be elephants! And I guess there still would be if one hadn't killed their trainer.

Dolphins/cetaceans forced to live in marine parks, mindlessly swimming and confined, is similarly cruel. Please ban it Parliament.

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 – can turn on their owners.