

**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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To Whom it May Concern....

I would like to show support for exotic animals in circuses..... a circus without animals is not a circus!

As a child I lived in a country town and the first introduction to exotic animals such as Lions, Tigers and Elephants was through the traveling circuses that came to town if we were lucky once a year!

Ban Exotic Animals in Circuses and this educational opportunity is lost, in fact already it has nearly been eliminated by minority animal rights groups that have persuaded authorities to make it so difficult for animal circuses to operate.

In Australia we only have one circus that now travel with exotic animals, ask the patrons whether they like the animal content..... the answer is 95% in favour of the animals and in many cases when people are asked, add, "the reason we came was the animals"!

Many people in the animal rights movements have never been to an animal circus because they have formed an opinion that it is wrong. In many situations they have taken the word of unqualified people using material that is not relevant and falsified to suit that groups agenda, generally financial!

How can so many unqualified people make decisions that effect our society and inflict the consequences on future generations.

We see it in many parts of society today, a minority group persuade governments to implement regulations without any due consideration to the effects it will have!

So as an unqualified person I object to be continually denied the opportunities that have been available to society for many decades,taken away by unqualified people! Sure set guidelines and regulation but don't ban it.!

So please think carefully and listen to the people that are qualified to make decisions on subjects that you may not be qualified on, spoiling opportunities available to us all!

Yours sincerely
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