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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

My name is jansen grant and I am writing to you about the use of animals in circus and cetaceans in marine parks in Australia.

My family, the Ashton circus, have toured Australia for over 175 years, so I grew up around animals, learning hands on how to take care of animals with close human interaction, learning how to read animals and to understand them better.

I have worked with many animals in my 25+ years in the industry including lions, tigers, monkeys, horses camels and dogs, and today I am still working with horses and dogs, my son is growing up around all the animals on our circus and he will also learn the ins and outs of animal care.

Animals are a vital part of our industry, and an integral part in keeping the species alive, as people are breeding animals for zoos and circuses the money they are making goes back into the breeding programs and conservation, and every circus and zoo in Australia are already governed by the DPI and we must adhere to the strict code of practice put in place, there are no short cuts taken.

I love my animals, I love working with them and learning from them and hope that this email will help you to make the right decision in letting us continue with what we do best, and that's to take care of our animal family

Thank you for your time, kind regards  
Jansen grant