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

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My name is Joseph Maynard and I write this email in support of exotic animal circuses and marine parks operating within NSW, the standard of animal care within these industries is of the highest quality, with no convictions of animal cruelty having taken place since the late 1980's, to pass a bill prohibiting the use of the specific mentioned animals would have to be passed solely on the grounds of a moral argument, as the questions of welfare concerns for these animals have been answered with positive findings.

Phasing out another line of employment is far from a good idea from the perspective of the states economic condition, industries are suffering as is our economy, these parks and circuses bring in tourism to NSW's towns both within the Cities and rural communities, not to forget mentioning the economic benefits a town finds when a circus comes to a small rural town, spending at local produces for animal feed, purchasing fuel from local service stations for the shows many vehicles/generators the list of examples can continue on.

Circuses also do what other facilities are unable to do, in bringing these beautiful exotic animals right to rural communities, local children may never get the opportunity to see these animals in the flesh if not for the traveling circuses, as the great Steve Irwin once said, "If we can teach people about wildlife, they will be touched. Share my wildlife with me. Because humans want to save things that they love" people develop a passion for animals when they see animals and interact with animals, circuses provide this opportunity for thousands of children who may never get to have this opportunity otherwise.