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

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Hi I just want the committee to know that a circus currently on the south coast in Ulladulla came to the aid of the bushfire victims by supplying power to the evacuation centre on new year's eve. Entertainment in the evacuation centre for all the families on new year's Day powered standard family's caravans offered food and trucks for emergency aid delivery became a animal shelter and refuge onsite for affected animals needing a temporary home and the list goes on. The big top has been packed and has raised money for the local RFS and everyone in our community is deeply grateful to them for everything and staying with us through this time of need. and letting families escape for a few hours and laugh and smile ect. I honestly think unless the committee attends the circus and views the bond between these animals and trainers you can not form a decision on what's best for them they were born in the circus removing them would be like removing a child from its parents the animal would be confused they would threat for there trainers and family psychological would mess them up. The committee needs to understand something that the animal liberation groups fail to see these animals are loved and cared for in the best possible way as most pet owners live there pets they become apart of there family. The notion of using animals for entertainment well there is no difference then a dog being told to sit or stay ECT if we are to go down this road then why stop at circuses. Let's remove animals from zoos stop guide or companion dogs and animals from assisting remove police and emergency services animals from service all these animals have been TRAINED to PERFORM the tasks they do and real life shows are on television making it entertainment

Please think and make a informed decision on real fact not submissions please go out see and speak to the circus and I promise you will see as I do

Kindest regards