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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,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this issue, I strongly believe that working with animals, and presenting them to the public in the form of entertainment, and education should continue.

For many its simple, if the families of Australia did not want to support traditional circus, then they would stop attending, wouldn't they? Why does the government feel it necessary to tell us all what we should and should not enjoy? I realise the pressure on the committee from well organised animal rights groups is overwhelming, but for you its just words on paper, for us the vandalism on our equipment, hate mail and death threats are real. I hope the committee can see that people like myself might appear to have a lack lustre defence on this issue, but that is purely because having done nothing illegal we cannot believe we are forced to defend ourselves.

The interaction between humans and animals is like nothing else, it would be a shame to take that away from future generations. Of course we all know that as far as animal right groups are concerned, this is just another step to there end goal, that there is no human interaction with animals what so ever.

I'm sure the committee is intelligent enough to see this.