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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 am writing this email to show I am in support of circuses with animals. I have worked in and with circuses my whole life and am of the belief that it is an appropriate setting for these animals most of which have been here for generations. People often like to stereotype circus people in Australia to what they have seen in a movie or in another part of the world. But I believe we have some of the best kept animals in Australia and you would in fact be doing an injustice to them by not allowing them to continue with circus. They are truly members of our small family. For many children coming to the circus and seeing an animal or riding a pony is where they first fall in love with animals. I would hate to see this taken away from Australian community's. I also would urge before any decision is made you take trip down to a circus in your area and have a look around and a chat with the people who work with these animals morning, noon and night, 365 days a year. Their life are these beautiful animals.