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

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Hello,

My name is Natalie Weber and along with my husband Rudy we own and operate Weber's Circus.

We have 6 dogs, 4 Gypsy Cobs horses and 6 miniature ponies.

I would like to put for a submission into exotic animals in Circus and Marine Parks.

Should breeding continue in Circus and Marine Parks? Yes, it is very important to conservation. Should exotic animals be used in Circus and Marine Parks? Yes as there is no solid evidence to support any other decision.

Dose the current legislation protect the welfare of animals? Absolutely, there are very strict guidelines to be/and are adhered to.

Further to the submission, I would like to add that we in the circus industry are very aware of the opposition that vegan extremist animal rights group, (those of which quite often break the law by trespassing. stealing and terrorising farmers and others), the animal justice party that continually harass/disrupt hard working circus/marine park folk by by interrupting shows with placards, hurling abuse at staff and families causing distress to young and old alike, defacing advertising equipment etc. These are to name a few.

Circuses and Marine Parks bring wholesome family entertainment to thousands across the towns and cities of Australia, circuses in particular for centuries!

We love our animals!