HELP US BAN EXOTIC ANIMAL CIRCUSES IN NSW

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

This Petition of residents of the State of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House our concern over the use of exotic animals in circuses.

Extensive scientific research has shown conclusively that circus life is not compatible with the needs of exotic animals. Performing circus animals are kept for prolonged periods in close confinement, in artificial social groups and are continually being transported between circus venues for the duration of their performing lives. The life of an exotic circus animal leads to stress and boredom, and often results in abnormal behaviours or stereotypies, such as repetitive pacing or swaying. Coercing exotic animals to perform unnatural and sometimes dangerous tricks does nothing to educate the public or foster respect for animals, serves no valid conservation purpose and cannot be justified as anything more than an outdated form of entertainment.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to follow the lead of the Australian Capital Territory and introduce a statewide ban on exotic animals performing in circuses effective immediately.

PLEASE SIGN OUR PETITION BELOW

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