

PETITION: BAN THE USE OF ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES



To the Honourable President and Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales

This petition of citizens of New South Wales draws to the attention of the House that:

1. The life of circus animals involves frequent travel, confined housing conditions, inadequate social environments, forced movement and the repeated performance of unnatural behaviours in front of crowds.
2. Scientific studies show that circus life is counterintuitive to an animal's needs and well-being. This leads to stress and boredom, and often results in abnormal behaviours such as repetitive pacing or swaying.
3. Forcing animals to do tricks serves no educational purpose which teaches children disrespect for animals.
4. Whilst many local councils are banning the use of exotic animals in circuses on council owned land, there is an urgent need to close the loop hole which enables animal circuses to operate on privately owned land.
5. Considering this evidence and community expectations in regard to animal welfare, that the House **support** the Animal Justice Party Bill to amend the *Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986* to legislate a ban on animal circuses across NSW.

Your petitioners therefore request that the members of the NSW Legislative Council **support** the Animal Justice Party Bill which seeks to legislate a state-wide ban of the use of animals in circuses. Animal circuses are archaic and cruel and have no place in modern entertainment.

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