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Dear committee,

As the owner of one of the two circuses based in Queensland I cannot see the logic in a lot of this new legislation being proposed.

I have read Mr Robinson's submission on behalf of the circus industry and I could not agree more in it Mr Robinson has pointed out the different parts of the proposed legislation that are severely flawed in both implementation and idea.

There doesn't seem to be any of the concerns that were raised at the last meeting concerning the circus content of this proposed bill have been addressed. The proposed permit fee for a six month period- the reason or purpose for this to be imposed has never been explained (as this stands and from my understanding over the period of my three year licence I will have to purchase six permits?)

THIS SHOULD BE SCRAPPED. it doesn't seem to be of any relevance or benefit to the industry

Also as pointed out in Mr Robinson's submission there circus in it history here in Queensland has not been responsible for any bio security hazzards. The circus industry was involved in its own self regulation and proposed standards for keeping animals through the Circus Federation long before diferent state regulatory bodies believed it necessary. (The standards set out by the circus federation have been adopted by several other states).

As for a committee made of interested public groups to comment on and propose changes is morally flawed. (What would prevent any group or groups against the circus industry or any of the other enterties covered by this legislation from introducing proposals that are anti the real interests of the industry) THIS SHOULD BE SCRAPPED. Or this should be rewored so as only people who are or have an investment in the industry should be part of this panel.

There are some significant flaws in this legislation and as I have refered back to Mr Robinsons submission on the behalf of the circus industry I believe you would be well advised to read that thoroughly and please heed his recommendations. He is a man who has many years of experience in both this industry and in the development of legislation concerning Circus in both the keeping and handling of animals. Traditional circus has been apart of Australian culture since before federation it based on clean wholesome family values it is also unashamedly entertainment. We do not rely on government grants we survive of income derived from the public wanting to see us and yes or animals perform we also

show in outback towns that if it wasn't for circuses people wouldn't know what a lion or a monkey really look and sound like (on television you don't get the true idea of their size or their majesty). As this legislation stands you will be depriving future generations of what we all know as the norm. Yes I am affected personally by this proposed legislation but every person that has ever come to in the past or look to in the future attend circuses are also affected. So please read all our concerns and understand we are not apposed to animal care and safety same as we are aware of our responsibility to the environment and the public and let us work together so everyone especially the public can benefit. Thank you for your time to read my submission.  
Yours faithfully Donna Blaxter

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