

Bil Anifeiliaid Gwyllt a Sycrasau (Cymru) | Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill
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Written Submission.

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1. Preamble

I could go into all the things others have supplied regarding, ethics; laws; reports on this and that; but I won't, you have all those reports in droves, most of them are relevant and apply which is great.

However I am interested in the here and now, what we have in front of us. I will try and be brief.

2. Initial problem.

Governments have been bombarded with animal welfare/animal rights complaints regarding cruelty in circuses with animals and have to react.

3. Historically.

It is true some circuses over time have been cruel just like other animal industries, but more have been ethically and morally honourable in their treatment of their animals as is the current situation.

4. Current Situation.

At the moment we have two circuses in the UK who travel with wild and other animals and are currently licensed in England. They have been licensed by law for 7 years with no problems. We have other circuses which only have other animals.

5. Why this Bill Breaches many Human Rights.

This Bill is discriminatory, unfair, unjust, against heritage laws, and attacks a minority group who go about their business in an honourable, ethical and legal way.

6. Why this Bill is Discriminatory.

It discriminates against circuses but leaves other businesses which do exactly the same but do not call themselves a circus to carry on regardless.

7. Why this Bill is unfair.

This Bill is unfair because it does not allow full research into all the here and now circus documents and Vets reports. It also does not take into account private owners who do the same job as circuses. It also blames good circuses for the faults of their predecessors. Sins of their fathers and all that.

8. Solutions.

- a. Continue with the ban without any adjustments.

This brings many reasons for circuses to get financial help to bring a judicial review which would stand up in court.

- b. Adjust the bill to include good circuses to have wild animals but with much stricter legal attachments to

ensure the welfare, wellbeing and safety of all animal that work in public entertainment. By regulations.

9. Closing statement.

Your MAEs are a good idea but does not go far enough to protect animals in circuses or to protect government against adverse publicity from animal rights, other governments and the world at large in particular.

You need to make a law which is ethical and correct complies with all animal welfare, human rights. Which should adhere to your code of practice on unbiased law making.

I have been to Wales before and am happy to go again to discuss all aspect of this Bill at any time or over e-mail.

End.