



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE USE OF BATTERY CAGES FOR HENS IN THE
EGG PRODUCTION INDUSTRY

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INQUIRY INTO THE USE OF BATTERY CAGES FOR HENS IN THE EGG PRODUCTION INDUSTRY

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A new Upper House select committee has been established to inquire into the use of battery cages for hens in the egg production industry.

The Hon. Emma Hurst, Chair of the Committee said: “As New South Wales is the largest producer of caged eggs in the country, we need to have an informed view on battery caged egg production. It is important that we modernise existing legislation and deliver an egg production system that reflects evolving animal welfare science and community expectations.”

The select committee will examine a broad range of issues including animal welfare outcomes, the rights of consumers to be fully informed of the sources of eggs, and the potential economic and social effects of banning the use of battery cages.

The Chair continued: “The committee will also be considering the advantages and disadvantages of differing egg farming production methods, and any measures to assist businesses if there were to be any changes to the legislation regarding the use of battery cages. We welcome submissions from interested stakeholders and members of the community.”

Submissions are due by 25 July 2019 and can be lodged via the inquiry [webpage](#).

For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the committee’s [website](#).

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