

## **Proforma C (Humane Society International) - 2268 responses received**

Dear Upper House Select Committee,

I am writing to urge you to support a ban on the use of battery cages in NSW egg production.

As the largest producer of eggs in Australia, NSW has to be a leader in animal welfare when it comes to the treatment of laying hens.

Battery cages prevent hens from carrying out their natural behaviours, such as nesting and foraging – let alone allow them enough room to even stretch their wings.

Such a life is cruel and leads to a number of serious health problems in hens including brittle bones and fractures as well as higher rates of disease.

I am appalled that battery cages are still in use in NSW and would like to see a phase out start immediately.

Battery cages have already been phased out in the EU, and are currently being phased out in NZ and Canada. Some US states have also banned the use of battery cages in egg production. It is time NSW did the same.

Yours sincerely,