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

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Dear Committee

Thank you for this well over due inquiry. As a consumer of eggs I am disappointed to learn that cruelty and cage confinement exists.

This is not the image we are shown on the egg cartons that we buy. I believe the NSW consumer is being misled about the condition of chickens.

I think it should be mandatory to have eliminate cages, have cameras and regular inspections of farms and then the consumer might have confidence in the product.

It is 2019 and while consumer expectations on animal welfare have increased, the industry has not improved.

It is up to the NSW Government to better regulate the egg industry. A lack of regulation always ends badly and we only have to look at the building industry.

I urge the NSW Government to ban cages, improve living conditions for chickens and to regulate with appropriate measures. This will only create jobs and growth and is a win win for everyone.