

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

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I am writing a submission for the concern of the entire egg industry, especially battery cages, but the all over inhumane nature of egg farming. Australia lags behind, by a long way, from the rest of the world in animal farming practices in a humane sense. Australia lacks innovation and forward thinking so that humans can have less negative impact on the suffering and causing of suffering of sentient beings such as battery and egg laying hens. I would urge this committee to strongly consider options of creating kinder ways of farming if not banning it altogether then really coming up with strong and meaningful change into the way animals are kept under human care.

It breaks my heart to see what humans do to animals in lots of ways - no more than in a farming situation where animals suffer daily and end in a horrible fate no matter what the industry. I have had pet chickens for many years - they are not just feather polystyrene 'things'. They have personalities, they have feelings, they have wants and desires and needs. They don't deserve to suffer at the hands of humans.