

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

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Dear Committee

I write to express my abhorrence of the cruel and miserable practice of enclosing hens in small, barren cages.

Surely in a country as blessed as Australia it should not be necessary to subject animals to this level of misery - where they are not able to scratch in the dirt or even to stretch their wings.

On a purely practical level I cannot imagine that eggs from chickens who are suffering in this manner would provide the nutrients that one would expect.

Like most Australians I would like to see the end to battery chickens as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Watson