

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

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Currently in Australia, an estimated 11-12 million hens (that's more than 2 out of 3 hens), are permanently confined to cages to maximise the industry's egg laying production and commercial profits.

Despite proof of serious welfare effects of battery cages, they are still legal and are the most common type of housing used by the egg industry.

Battery cages for chickens in egg production are cruel and pose serious welfare concerns for the hens involved.

My submission is for the government of NSW to ban the use of battery cages and thus end the suffering for these poor living creatures.