

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

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Re: Inquiry of battery hens for Australian consumption

Australian consumption has veered towards cruelty-free living, with Adelaide and Melbourne taking the lead with vegan lifestyles. Consumers are demanding to know the food chain, and conditions for animals involved. In particular, egg consumption has been scrutinised to show shocking, reckless and totally unacceptable states of misery for caged hens.

Knowing this, supermarkets and groceries have switched to more ethical standards by selling authentic free range eggs, labelled with stocking densities of 1500 hens per hectare. And consumers pay a little extra knowing this density.

It is shameful that animals as sentient beings continue to be ignored by law in so many aspects of food production. Ban battery hens forever.

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