

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

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Thank you for taking the time to read this submission regarding the abolition of battery cages within the egg industry.

I was lucky enough growing up to have lived a childhood full of the friendship of backyard animals with my most favourite animals being chickens. These chickens were my friends and shared many waking hours with me and the chickens enjoying fresh air, sunshine and my devoted attention including walks around the block in my dolls pram.

Sadly, many chickens today are mass produced and bred to suit the needs of consumers. These laying hens live an indescribable life crammed into cages sharing a small, dirty space with a number of other chickens.

We know animals are sentient beings who crave basic needs of food and shelter and know animals respond to humans positively in a natural environment. Chickens cannot use their innate abilities while living in the cruel conditions within a battery cage.

Small or large scale farming is cruel and can never meet requirements that don't support practises of animal cruelty no matter how changes are made to attempt to improve living conditions.

All practises housing chickens for the purpose of meeting the needs of the consumer should be ended and chickens that do survive from these vile, outdated industries would readily be rehomed by members of the public who have the animals interest and needs as a priority.

It would be pleasing to see the NSW parliament recognising the importance of this submission.

Yours Sincerely,

Merri-Lyn Burton