

**Submission
No 291**

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

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Dear Committee members,

As a species we need to evolve. We perceive ourselves as civilized creatures but that is an erroneous view when animals we use to provide us with eggs are treated as though they are not sentient beings.

They are.

I am a retired vet nurse from a mixed (large and small animal) practice in Queensland. One of our vets specialized in birds, mostly wild birds but as she was known and respected for her skill she also saw quite a few chickens.

It was obvious the birds felt pain, fear, distress. They were also capable of affection, recognition of their owners (those who viewed them as sentient beings and not egg producing machines).

Knowing this we cannot close our eyes to the sanctioned and continuous cruelty inflicted by the battery hen system.

I trust you will work to stop this barbarous practice forthwith.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Holly Norton