

**Submission
No 292**

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

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Dear Committee members

I would like to add my voice and implore you to stop the use of battery cages for hens.

There is no way that this cruel practice should be allowed to continue knowing what we know today about the impact it has on hens. I think that in decades to come those who follow us will be rightly appalled that this was ever allowed to occur.

Others much better qualified than me will submit the detail of what this means to hens and the science that proves the cruelty but all of you on the committee must know yourself how truly terrible the conditions are for these creatures for the whole of their lives.

Many parts of the world, including the whole of Europe, have already phased, or are phasing out, the use of battery cages. Given that we have safe, humane, affordable alternatives, there can be no reason not to prioritise animal welfare.

Thank you for considering my submission. I look forward to seeing the NSW Government make the right decisions and place a ban on this abhorrent way of producing eggs.

Kind regards,

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