

**Submission
No 296**

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

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Dear Hon. Members,

Could I hereby plead that the practice of battery caging of hens be totally banned without qualification. Of all of the forms of animal cruelty, and there are many, I cannot think of a worse example than this barbaric practice. Anyone like me that has experienced the joy of having backyard hens, watching them dust bathe, scratch for morsels and socialise, will know just how cruel battery caging is.

These poor creatures are caged from birth until their premature death, see no natural light, and are there simply to be “used and abused” in order to produce cheap eggs.

In closing let me say, in reply to those that say “they’re just dumb animals”, I have chickens that come to me individually when I call their name. They are fun loving animals that ask little of us, except to live a life they are meant to live.

Sincerely,

Michael Moss