

**Submission
No 298**

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

Name: Ms Amanda Franco

Date Received: 27 June 2019

Dear members,

I am writing to you about the sorry state of caged chicken. It is cruel and barbaric.

We have lost sight on farming ethics and I believe it is possible to phase this practice out. Even if the consumer has to pay more I am sure in this day and age it will be accepted. Look at plastic bags, people were happy to save the planet at. A cost of 15c a bag, although I don't believe this has helped only line the pockets of the supermarkets. That aside I feel it could be done we just need to educate people and farmers. We have all become so disconnected to our food we forget it's a life taken. Not to mention the people having to do the dirty work they become desensitised or distressed.

There has to be a better way and is.

Free range hens can be rotated to different areas to allow land to re-establish. There are a few farms doing just that and are very successful.

There is one on the central coast "Full Circle" they have great farming ethics and practices and restaurant advertise they have obtained their meat and eggs from this farm as a selling point. I believe it's a win win.

In summary, phase caged hens out and catch up with other countries. Teach farmers to market differently so as not to lose profits. Teach the public the betterment of ethical farming.

Thank you for taking your time out to read this.

Amanda Franco