

**Submission
No 302**

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

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Dear committee

Please consider placing a complete ban on all caged egg-laying hens and all hens supposedly kept in free-range conditions whose welfare does not meet the world's best practice. I leave the committee to define best practice but if you can see it from the point of the natural habits of a chicken you will be seeing it the right way. I am sure you have advisors in veterinary, biological and ethical matters who can give you the advice you need.

Why should I write about this? Because human beings have an obligation, now we have reached the 21st century and have the knowledge and understanding, to treat our fellow species with respect and dignity. We can no longer treat animals as if we have rights over them; we haven't. Our 19th century beliefs can't be sustained now with our current knowledge. We have responsibility to correct this wrong - now.

Thank you for reading this.

Regards

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