

**Submission  
No 310**

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

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Dear Committee members,

Just imagine your life. Locked in a wire room, unable to walk around, sitting in your own faeces, you can't stretch your arms or legs, you never see the sun, never get to do any other the things a normal person should do, cheek-by-jowl with thousands of other miserable humans. Human slaves used to be treated similarly to that. But our society has advanced - or has it?

The reality that many humans don't care to admit is that other species have just as much right to a decent, torture-free life as we think we're entitled to. The fact that our species has 'risen' to dominance in the animal kingdom doesn't give us the right to abuse other species - it give us the responsibility to protect them.

You have that responsibility, indeed, that obligation, if you are to demonstrate that you are decent human beings capable of governing this country. There is no way to sugar-coat this issues. We shouldn't have to plead. You know the science, you know the morality, you know the common decency and caring. Now you need to act. Ban this hideous torture in the name of greed. Confining living creatures to a cage the size of an piece of paper is greed and cruelty gone mad.

Ban this practice now and forever. I implore you to do the decent thing and prove yourselves human in the best sense of the word.

Kind regards,  
Lorellie Bow