

**Submission
No 311**

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

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Dear Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my views on the use of battery cages in NSW.

I am sure they are already well known to you, along with the relevant facts of the circumstances under which hens are forced to exist and are repeated many times by others making a submission.

Animal welfare is very important to me. All animals deserve to be treated with respect, especially those we use to produce our food and fibre.

I sincerely believe that a nation which treats animals with respect and care for their welfare, will be a leader by example in this effort to make it a better world. This seems to me to be a goal to strive for. Our country has shown in recent years that our people are looking for solidness and a reason to be proud of a substantive history as seen in the great interest and involvement in Anzac and the slow but important acknowledgement of our past wrongs to the First Nation peoples.

It is important to note that this issue is not just about animal welfare. It is also about trust in Australian agriculture and livestock production more broadly. Cruel and archaic systems like the battery cage taint the reputations of all Australian farmers and farming sectors, and have no place in the future of sustainable agriculture.

Thank you for considering my submission. I look forward to seeing decisive action from the NSW Government on this issue.

Kind regards,
Maisie Statham