

**Submission
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**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.

Battery cages have now been phased out of all 28 nations of the European Union, several US states including the largest egg-producing state of California, and are in the process of being phased out in New Zealand and Canada.

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.

Please phase out battery cages for hens.

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

Kind regards,
Barbara McPhee