

**Submission
No 318**

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

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Dear Committee members,

You have no doubt seen countless copies of the RSPCA's standard text for members of the public to use in their submissions about a proposed phase-out of battery cages in egg production. So I thought I'd give you a more brief statement, given that you already know all the arguments.

As with all cruel farming practices (and there are many), the only people trying to hold onto the status quo are those who directly profit from it. Everyone else - individuals, animal welfare groups, an increasing number of catering businesses, and an increasing number of other developed countries around the world - has concluded that profit for farmers is no justification for the intense cruelty that battery-cage egg farming involves. I gave up buying cage eggs over a decade ago, and my local super market doesn't even stock them any more (although I know there are still some that do).

Please, let NSW take the lead on this issue and bring Australia into alignment with other developed nations by phasing out battery cage systems.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,
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