

**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,

In NSW it is time to phase out the cruel practice of putting hens in battery cages in order to produce eggs for our consumption.

When I visit my friends in the country their hens have independence of movement, interaction with each other and the chance to wander around in a large fenced in area to live a normal life.

Caged hens have no normal life. They often suffer brittle bones and bone fractures and infectious diseases.

NSW needs to follow some of the European countries that have phased out such cruelty and now our nearest neighbour New Zealand is ahead of us again and has started the process along with Canada to phase out caged hens.

There is clearly a movement worldwide to treat hens better and this is evidence also by many Australia and international brands moving ahead on this issue.

As a newly elected NSW Government please consider the advantages of leading the way on this animal welfare issue as you will be following the lead of so many people in NSW who are already trying to avoid buying caged hen eggs whenever possible.

I look forward to a positive account on this issue.

Kind regards,
Jo Hobson