

**Submission
No 321**

**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.

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 find it very distressing that hens are still kept in cages. This is such a cruel way of producing eggs and is backed up by scientific evidence.

It is time to stop keeping hens in cages. All eggs should be sourced from hens that have free range access. The number of hens kept per ha is also an issue.

I urge you to recommend the abolishment of the battery hen system and the keeping of poultry in cages.

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

Kind regards,
Pam Lewington