

**Submission
No 326**

**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.

It is appalling that we still allow hens to be confined to battery cages.

I have 3 hens of my own and have come to know they are intelligent and curious creatures who spend the daylight hours roaming, scratching, dust bathing, chatting to each other and investigating everything in their environment. They come running when they see me because they know I am the food giver. They have never been confined.

Hens confined to battery cages spend their entire lives unable to do any of the things hens naturally do. They cannot even extend their wings. Essentially they are imprisoned so people can have cheap meat.

This is cruel and the science proves it. Other submissions will cite scientific evidence. I wanted to give the inquiry a picture of what happy healthy hens need.

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

Kind regards,
LYNDA GORDON-SQUIRE