

**Submission  
No 327**

**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, even those that produce our food.

Battery cages are cruel. The confinement chickens are subject to is torture. I can't see how it could be argued otherwise.

We are a first world nation and should lead with innovation to improve processes and reduce or eliminate cruelty. Battery cages are old technology and the cruelty they impose must be phased out.

We are behind our trading partners in retaining battery cages.

The NSW Government has a fantastic opportunity to lead other Australian states.

Please stop this cruelty.

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

Andrew Massie.