

**Submission
No 335**

**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.

Chickens don't deserve to be confined to cages just so people can eat eggs. It deprives them of space to simply spread their wings and engage in normal behaviours that chickens would otherwise do.

I think all chickens should be free range, living in wider spaces with a maximum number, say 1500 per sq km. They should be afforded bales of hay to perch on, as well as trees for shade and to hide among.

We shouldn't have to treat these animals like lesser creatures just because it costs us too much. They end up dying years earlier than they otherwise would due to overbreeding and the cruel lifecycle of a laying hen. The least people can do for them is give them an interesting, happy life while they are alive.

While we're at it, there has to be a better way to reduce make chicken wastage than by grinding them up because they aren't female. I urge the inquiry to look into this and to encourage research into better animal welfare for all the chickens involved.

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

Kind regards,
Amanda Robbmond