

**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

Thanks for the opportunity to provide my views on the use of battery cages in NSW.

It is disappointing to me that in 2019 we are still allowing hens to be confined to barren battery cages, an archaic and cruel farming practice that has no place in modern Australia.

Battery cages have been phased out of all 28 nations of the EU, in several US states, and Canada and NZ are in the process of phasing it out.

Australia needs to step up and join them.

Battery cages are cruel and the science reveals the long list of adverse health effects they have on hens. I'm sure you have all reviewed the scientific literature.

Please take action and commence a phase out. Allowing this cruel and archaic farming practice to continue past 2019 is not ok and is not in keeping with the community's expectations on animal welfare.

Please take positive and decisive action on this issue.

Kind regards

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