

**Submission  
No 349**

**INQUIRY INTO USE OF BATTERY CAGES FOR HENS IN  
THE EGG PRODUCTION INDUSTRY**

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Dear Committee,

As an individual with hand reared birds who are 18 yrs old, I can not imagine what horror these poor creatures in cages live through.

You have all the information with photos from other sources, of the physical effects, my submission is as a Developmental Psych. There's a bevy of information in scientific papers regarding the intelligence of birds.

Their attachment bond is as deep as that of humans, they experience separation anxiety & stress as do toddlers, they cognitively are at the level of toddlers.

We would have a public outcry if we were putting toddlers in cages, barefoot for life & filling them with hormones.

Why do we think hens experience anything less than a toddler would feel?

I'll leave that one so that people can reflect on that image.

You need to be addressing all cruelty, banning caged hens, live sheep exports & pig farms with pigs in cages.

Our government should be the highest standard of the cessation of all animal cruelty, in this case battery hens. Please pass this bill & ban this barbaric practise.