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

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Egg industry. Phasing out battery caged egg system in NSW.

I have felt strongly about this subject for a long time. I have always been an animal lover, and it makes me very sad to see hens kept as they are in a battery hen situation.

I think because it has been the practice for a long time that some people accept it as normal, and can't see the practice for what it is, which is cruelty, and something that they would consider doing to very few other types of animals.

As the option of buying cage-free eggs is more available now, more people do it, which shows that they care about this issue.

In the UK and in some parts of Europe, a date has been set for the complete end of the battery caged egg system.

McDonalds has made a pledge to go cage-free at its 16,000 restaurants in the US and Canada. Many other big chains are moving in the same direction. Due to this activity, demand has sparked barn upgrades across the country, and the price of free range eggs has come down, which is good for the public and businesses. [www.foodtabletv.com](http://www.foodtabletv.com)

I, and most people I know, would like to see the battery caged egg system phased out in NSW.