

**Submission
No 396**

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

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission into your inquiry.

I am strongly opposed to battery hen egg production in NSW and urge that it be banned immediately.

The continuing operation of battery hen egg farming is an anathema to a civil humane society and completely out of step with community expectations, which demand food production methods that minimise cruelty. These hens suffer extreme levels of pain, discomfort and trauma, in their short lives, to provide eggs that can be produced more ethically. This isn't a question of whether egg production is ethical or not, it is a matter of society demanding that unnecessary cruelty and suffering be eliminated, when there are other options available. Those who support this industry will use all sorts of outrageous excuses to avoid scrutiny of the intense suffering of these sentient creatures, they are simply putting greed above community expectations which have moved on. As elected parliamentarians you must support community expectations, not farming lobby groups or egg industry donors. Multiple surveys of the community show an overwhelming majority support a ban on battery egg production, so it is time for parliament to legislate for this outdated farming practise to end.