

**Submission  
No 416**

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

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Dear Senators,

Battery Hen Cages in NSW – Submission to Senate Inquiry – Due 25/7/19

Please put the prevention of animal cruelty ahead of profits and politics.

It makes you and I human to be humane.

I am not a vegetarian but wish to see all animals treated with dignity and compassion including egg production practices and standards.

I was at local council meeting several years ago where it was shown that hens live in the space of an A4 piece of paper. Can you for a moment imagine that – not being able to move, fly, flap their wings or socialise ? Their bones break and fracture and the mental stress must be incredible. I urge you to accept the advice of veterinarians in this matter.

I recognise supply and demand influence the market but I implore you to intervene to stop the cruelty that comes with the profit driven system.

I have requested that restaurant owners, clubs and businesses avoid battery hen eggs and found at times to my delight that several have already done so. I ask you to have regard to the wishes of the Australian people who are increasingly recognising that they should play an active part in saying no to purchasing eggs hatched in cruelty.

Many countries around the world and several US states have banned the practice as well as many Australian Local Governments including my own in Cumberland. Businesses such as Coles, McDonalds and Pepsi have done so.

Please take firm action. Please use all the courage you can to do so.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Grullemans