

**Submission  
No 478**

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

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Dear Committee members

The use of battery cages for hens is cruel and unnecessary. In a first world country that enjoys the standard of living that Australia does in this day and age, it is disgraceful that battery cages are still utilised.

The cages are far too small and do not allow for natural behaviours. This results in the hens suffering their entire lives, which has been documented by various reputable groups, but it is also common sense.

Information from the RSPCA states that battery cages have been phased out of all 28 nations of the European Union, several US states and are in the process of being phased out in New Zealand and Canada. This is being supported by several companies refusing to stock eggs from hens kept in these conditions. Our government is lagging behind.

I want to see the NSW Government act on the scientific evidence and the community's expectations on animal welfare and commence a phase out.

Thank you for considering my submission. I look forward to seeing decisive action from the NSW Government on this issue.

Kind regards

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