

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

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Dear Committee members,

Frankly, I am tired of writing to various politician, committee members, et al, urging them to consider humane treatment of animals.

Case in point: the law still allows hens to be used as egg producers in cruel conditions. There is no mystery to the pain they suffer - documented by rigorous research.

The abundance of scientific literature on this topic has led other countries (c.f., European Union Scientific Veterinary Commission, the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee of New Zealand, and the National Farm Animal Care Council of Canada) to conclude that battery cages must be phased out.

Various businesses are realising consumer preferences for humane treatment of egg-producing hens, and adjusted business practices accordingly: eg, Arnott's, McDonalds, Hungry Jacks, Subway, Nando's, Oporto, Coles, Woolworths, Aldi, Harris Farm Markets, Ikea, Kellogg's, Compass Group, Mars, Nestle, PepsiCo and Unilever.

Please ensure this state Government makes its decision based on scientific evidence and the consumer expectations of appropriate animal welfare, and phase out battery hen egg production.

Please consider my request, and that of many others in NSW concerned for the welfare of animals. It is up to the NSW Government to do the right thing.

Kind regards,
Anne Gates