

**Submission  
No 483**

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

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Dear Committee members,

I wish to express my views on battery hen cages.

I think it is most important that animals that provide us with our food deserve a reasonable life and that their welfare is considered by us.

I ask that cage eggs be no longer acceptable as a form of egg production.

It is shocking to me that in 2019, we are still allowing hens to be confined to barren battery cages. In these cages, hens have the equivalent of an A4-size sheet of paper in floor space on which to live for the duration of their lives.

The abundance of scientific literature on this topic has led the 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 cannot meet the welfare needs of hens and must be phased out.

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

Kind regards,  
Julie Fink