

**Submission  
No 487**

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

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Dear Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my views on the use of battery cages in NSW.

Animal welfare is very important to me. All animals deserve to be treated with respect, especially those we use to produce our food and fibre.

Why 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. Not only can they not perform normal behaviours like nesting, foraging, scratching, and dustbathing, they cannot even extend their wings.

I understand that infrastructure change and farming practice cannot happen overnight but need a time frame on it so that farmers can adjust their methods and RSPCA need the jurisdiction to prosecute those that do not comply.

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

Kind regards,  
Sue Pickering