

**Submission  
No 496**

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

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To the Committee,

Firstly, I appreciate the opportunity to air my views on the use of battery cages for egg production in NSW.

Having worked for the School of Veterinary Science of Sydney University for the past 40 years, I have a real appreciation of how commercial considerations have an overwhelming influence on the various production models practiced in food production today. I also appreciate how animal welfare considerations are becoming more and more a part of how society judges the acceptability of these industries.

In light of the current science relating to negative welfare outcomes resulting from the use of battery cages, coupled with so many major Australian and international brands distancing themselves from suppliers who practice this cruel method of production, surely it is time that the NSW Government made a move toward better animal welfare considerations, just as so many other nations have already done.

As you'll be aware, Australia is trying to position itself as a trusted supplier of clean, sustainable and cruelty free agricultural produce.

In a world where food security is clearly a growing issue, please help our country build a solid and reliable base, which will be in high demand into the future.

Thanks again for considering my views and I look forward to your decision being one that considers both our economy and animal welfare.

Your Sincerely,  
Craig Kristo