

**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,

We are writing to you to thank you for the opportunity to provide views on the use of battery cages in NSW.

Animal welfare is now becoming very important to the general community, and it is important that we re-assess whether battery cages should continue to be used.

In these cages hens have very limited space - this is unnecessarily cruel, with hens in battery cages suffering from extreme natural deprivation and high rates of disease, injury, and death - these health and welfare problems are associated with the battery cage system itself.

Battery cages are now being phased out in various parts of the world, and it is clearly time for this issue to be addressed in this state.

Kind regards,
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