

**Submission
No 510**

**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.

There are so many scientific and moral reasons battery cages for hens are wrong, however I am offering my simple but heartfelt arguments based on my humble opinions. If animals such as dogs or cats that we keep as pets were treated in the same way, the owners would be treated with disgust as being cruel and inhumane, so why would it be okay for hens which experience pain and joy in just the same way?

The way we treat other animals is a measure of our own humanity and a reflection of our society. The way we treat the humblest of creatures is a measure of our greatness.

Cost is no justification for cruelty- the same argument could be used to support human slavery!

Thank you for considering my submission. I am so hopeful that the NSW Government will act on this issue.

Kind Regards
Rachel Bekessy