

**Submission  
No 513**

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

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the debate on battery cages for hens.

As one who has grown up on a farm on which we had our own hens running free, I understand and appreciate these interesting and funny animals and their individual personalities.

The thought of the use of battery cages to cruelly imprison them for their short and miserable lives, all for the sake of profit, is abhorrent. I never buy anything but free-range eggs and I believe the vast majority of people would do the same if they realised the cruelty they would otherwise be supporting.

I urge you not to repeat the weakness shown by governments in the past, and permanently ban battery cages in NSW forever.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dr Ian Doherty.