

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of the undersigned citizens of Coffs Harbour and its environs find the practice of confining hens to cages for egg production abhorrent, and request you take immediate action to phase-out use of the battery cage in Australia.

Being confined to a battery cage and mutilated prevents a hen from fulfilling all of her natural behaviours, including stretching her wings, nesting and scratching, dust bathing and roosting. This life of misery and suffering is needless and based purely on economics rather than animal welfare. Progressive countries such as Sweden, Switzerland and other European Union countries have phased out or are phasing out the use of battery cages.