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Dear Committee Members,

Re: Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to make a submission to the review of the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry.

Multiple scientific studies and animal welfare experts have found that the welfare needs of hens cannot be met in battery cages.

By placing hens in this environment we are depriving them of the chance to nest, perch, forage and dust-bath, all of which are key to their health and development. In addition, this restriction of their movement leads to weak muscles and bones, osteoporosis, and a high rate of fractures. I consider this suffering to be unnecessary and strongly oppose the practice of caging hens.

This review should consider adopting similar guidelines to those applied to RSPCA approved farms as the industry standard and ensure that the welfare of these animals is protected. I **enclose** a copy of the guidelines for your perusal.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

Yours sincerely,



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