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## Cooped for a cause

by CHRIS THOMSON

FOUR animal rights activists have carted an oversized chicken coop across the Nullarbor to highlight the plight of battery hens.

"The response across the nation has generally been good," Drew Fryer said from the confines of his battery cage, which on May 1 was perched outside the WA Art Gallery in Northbridge. "We see ourselves as an art installation to draw people in, rather than a protest which tends to turn people away a bit."

The 50 kilogram cage has visited 40 locations since leaving Sydney, and is set to head to Fremantle this weekend. It was brought to WA with the assistance of the Northbridge-based People and Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), among other groups.

"This is my fourth day in here and it's getting quite uncomfortable," PAWS volunteer Kristin Allen told the *Voice*, "but it's much worse for the chickens."

"At least I can get out - they have to live their whole lives in a patch three quarters the size of an A4 piece of paper."

At that juncture, an old-timer shuffled over to the cage and asked the occupants, "are you good layers?"

"We get lots of that," Ms Allen sighed.



• Drew Fryer, Kristin Allen, Jodie Barnett and Heather Blyth were cooped up in Northbridge on Tuesday. Photo by Chris Thomson