



# Caged artists make clucky point

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A display with a human touch on the caged chicken industry was in Shepparton's Maude St Mall yesterday.

The group, sponsored by animal protection group Violence and Animal Liberation NSW, spent six hours in battery chicken cages to raise public awareness.

The group comprised Drew Fryer from Sydney, Shane Dalglish from Brisbane, Heather Blyth from Brisbane and Susan Adkins of Hobart.

Ms Blyth said the group was traveling Australia and set out from Sydney on February 22.

"A lot of older people that are traditional farmers actually disagree



Life in the battery: Susan Adkins and Heather Blyth were in cages as part of a public awareness campaign about battery chooks.  
Picture: Sally Richards

with the practice (of battery cages) because they remember chooks running around their backyards when they were younger," Ms Blyth said.

"We don't want to make people's minds up for them, but want to show

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them what they are doing when they support the caged industry and offering them the opportunity to think about the consequences of supporting it.

"The confinement is horrendous.

"These chooks don't have the chance to exhibit natural behaviours, like stretching their wings especially."

The group is running a petition to be taken to Federal Parliament asking that the Agriculture Minister enforce a national ban on battery cages.

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