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

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Keeping hens in battery cages is unconscionable, as is the entire egg industry. These are sentient, smart, curious animals and keeping them in battery cages is torture. We are better than this. Animal agriculture is also devastating to the environment and governments need to work on phasing out the egg industry and support farmers transitioning to the production of animal-free products and moving Australia into a plant-based economy that is better for people, animals and planet.