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

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I would like battery hens to be phased out as soon as possible

Right now in Australia, it is estimated that between 11 - 12 million 'battery' hens are confined to small cages as part of standard egg production, unable to perform even their most natural behaviours.

According to animal welfare expert Dr John Webster, "the unenriched battery cage simply does not meet the physiological and behavioural requirements of the laying hen, which makes any quibbling about minimum requirements for floor space superfluous"

Quite simply, keeping hens as in battery conditions is downright cruel