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

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I care about the welfare of animals and I am very concerned about chickens that are kept in cages as battery hens that produce eggs for human consumption. My concern is that they are confined to cages, never see the sunlight, can never scratch and roam like chickens can and basically have a life of misery. The amount of space they have to move is about the size of an IPAD. This is so inhumane. We as a society can do so much better. Animals deserve better. Shut down this industry.

In addition, the free range egg industry also needs a complete overhaul, as what is labelled free range is so variable. Some can roam free in paddocks, others although outside in the elements are confined due to the amount of chickens per hectare. In some cases this is well over 10,000 chickens per hectare.