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

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Dear Legislative Council Select Committee on the Use of Battery Cages for Hens in the Egg Production Industry,

I am making a submission as I believe the use of battery cages for hens, and for that matter any animal, is clearly an unacceptable way to treat a living being. We must abolish the use of battery cages, as it is an outdated practise that results in terrible suffering of hens.

In 2019, we, as Australian's, are highly aware of ethical standards for animals, and demand that practises such as the use of battery cages must be abolished for our future. We live in a beautiful country where we celebrate freedom and opportunity, and we must attribute this same freedom to other animals around us.

It's time now to seriously re think our farming practices and incorporate ethical standards that are true to our national way of life, and align with our collective belief of being kind and compassionate to one another.

I sincerely hope the Legislative Council Select Committee make progress on this matter, and reevaluates how we can collectively work together as a team, to improve the lives of hens and other animals in our nation.

Thank you and regards,
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