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

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am not an expert on animal welfare but am an individual who has grown up in rural Vic. Over the years I've seen cage chickens which has on every occasion been an unduly and cruel Practise to say the least. Unlike some other countries there is ample Room to treat them humanely, giving them space to forage as is their natural disposition They shouldn't be living on concrete Floors where it's impossible to dig the ground freely There is no Excuse for locking chickens in small cages where they can't spread Their wings, scratch for worms, view the sunlight or socialize freely Which is their right. The reason that producers do this to chickens is To maximise their profits. The public is willing to pay more for the kinder Ethical product. There is ample space for birds to be placed in areas where they can forage together I recommend in the strongest fashion To eradicate cage birds altogether. It's is a cruel and totally unnessesary practise. Please stop the production of cage eggs. The chickens need more space The current marketplace is ready for this transition.

Yours Sincerely
Kathryn Dahm