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

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The current lack of protection of all animals in Australia must be changed. Hens kept in cages, male chicks being macerated, roosters and hens being mated until they die, hens being forced to lay over 300 eggs per year, sick and dying hens kept crammed in barns and sheds and labelled as free range, hens being gassed, abused, having their throats cut on a high speed killing system, female birds having their beaks cut, sick hens left to die, hens genetically modified, fed hormones and antibiotics... industries protected, the truth being hidden and treating birds as if they are property just to make big profits must be eliminated.

The evidence showing the barbaric treatment meted out to birds and the fact that the protection of animals used for 'food' have little or no protection is a sign of a very sick and twisted society led by either a corrupt government or a government being controlled by corporations.

Now is the time to make change to benefit animals, human health and the environment. Kindness and compassion must now be the platform from which every political decision is made from if we as humans are to survive as a species.