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

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I believe that battery cages should be phased out immediately. They do not support any quality of life for the hens. While caged eggs are cheaper for consumers to buy, it would be interesting the sales comparison between "free - range" and caged eggs, as preference would surely go to free range - although even if this is incorrect, it does not take away from the poor condition hens live in. I honestly believe the government owes it to the people to take a stand on this issue. So many people already vote with their wallets, but how many people really know what caged hens experience? Please educate the public, please support the farmers to transition to a cruelty free way of farming. If we don't stop caged eggs (which if we did, would gain so much great publicity for Australia for caring for animal welfare), where does our responsibility to animals lay? It's honestly a small but welcomed change. Please be the voice. Please be on the right side of history.