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

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Battery cages simply have no place in 2019 NSW. It is an extremely backward method of farming, a world of unnecessary cruelty, confinement and unimaginable torture for millions of chickens.

Each hen has between 3 and 20 cage mates, and allocated space less of than ONE A4 sheet of paper. The images depicting this reality are heart-breaking and will stir an emotional response from the majority of Australians. Why? Because we all know it's wrong. If something is wrong, it must be changed. It's as simple as that.

What gives humans the right to deprive innocent living, breathing, sentient beings of their own freedom? All chickens own is their life, nothing else. Yet, we still manage to take that away from them.

We are a state that prides ourselves on progress, but this barbaric practise is still allowed and operating in NSW. It's time we follow the path of Tasmania and the ACT in putting an end to battery cages and doing what's right.