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

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To whom it may concern,

Australia is far behind other civilised nations in our treatment of animals and we should be taking the lead in reducing animal cruelty as well as the impacts of animal agriculture on our environment.

Factory farming is the first place to start. The caged egg industry is extremely cruel with chickens given less space than the size of an Ipad to spend their short and miserable lives. Their suffering is immeasurable and you have the power to change this.

The egg industry, regardless of free range, organic or caged is cruel. Chickens are killed when they are still babies, only allowed to live a short part of their lives as they are killed at just 12 months old when their productivity begins to decline.

The male chicks are considered waste products and killed within 24 hours of hatching, many by maceration or gassing. Eggs are not necessary in a modern diet. We have plenty of healthier plant-based alternatives that do not involve this cruelty and are better for the environment.

We need to move with the times, become a progressive nation, and ensure the law protects non-human animals.

Please change the laws in the egg industry to ensure that we no longer legalise this cruelty.

Kind regards,