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

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The fact that these hens are given the space equivalent to an iPad is ridiculous. They're conscious beings, if you can imagine yourself in a busy Sydney tram at peak hour: packed to the brim, it's hot, all you can smell is the body odour of the person next to you and you're waiting eagerly for your stop so you can finally have some fresh air and personal space. That's what these hens feel like, except there's no escape. Packed into tiny areas for the duration of their lives, standing in their own filth and their dead neighbours. Australia is better than this. As not only a first world country, but as humans, the most developed species on this earth, we should be showing compassion to these animals, helping them, instead of abusing our power over them and treating them like rubbish. If we're profiting off of these animals, if we're taking the eggs they produce, the very LEAST we could do is make sure they're comfortable. Also, the better quality of life the hens have would mean higher quality eggs for Australians. I refuse to purchase eggs from the supermarket and instead get mine from a neighbour who raises her chooks, who I KNOW takes great care of them. My whole family is the same. We will not support farmers who abuse their animals.