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

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I am asking for an end to battery cages, sooner rather than later.. They are an abomination and way beyond their used by date . Other countries eg Austria banned them 20 years ago and enacted a law to stop them, calling them "animal Treblinka's". If we consider ourselves a civilized society why do we continue to treat the most vulnerable and helpless sentient beings in this cruel , unnatural and tortuous way , just to get an egg. We have no right to do this to other living creatures that also feel pain, anxiety and who have to lead short unnatural lives. These poor hens never know a mother, green grass, fresh air , dust bathing or sunlight. I have been given many of these birds to nurse after rescue, many have little beak, are nearly featherless, have chest infections, tumours, kidney and liver failure, and combs and wattles white from anaemia, and people are eating their eggs! There is absolutely no justification for battery cages in this day and age, where more and more consumers want free range. The loss of birds before they are culled surely isn't economically viable, even though it is factored in. Birds standing on top of dead birds can't be healthy either. burying them alive after they are culled is also totally beyond cruel and should be told to the public, most would be horrified. If we consider ourselves the so called "superior" species isn't it our duty and responsibility to look after those 'lesser' creatures. PLEASE BAN BATTERY CAGES!