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

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Dear Committee,

I used to love eating eggs. Over the years as I have become educated about factory farming I have cut my egg consumption right back, and last week I bought vegan egg substitutes. I decided I had eaten my last egg after seeing yet more horrid cruelty towards poor hens. Big men kicking little injured hens around before they get killed. What a life of misery and what a shame to be a human who contributes to this industry. I have also stopped buying roast chickens and no longer eat any chicken meat. It is the cruelty in the industry that is forcing me to become vegan. Why isn't something done about this? How can it be healthy for humans to consume eggs/meat that is produced in such overcrowded and filthy conditions by such unhealthy stressed animals? Please ban all hen battery cages, This is the 21st century. Can Australia please show some progressiveness towards acknowledging that hens are sentient beings who feel pain and hunger and thirst, and who just like us, would like nothing more than to go out into the sunlight and roam with their friends.

My husband started life as a butcher, he now is vegetarian after seeing all the cruelty and horror of factory farming. You will only end up with no industry at all if you don't switch with the times. Just like human slavery, factory farming will be a horrible thing of the past in the future. You may as well legislate for it now.

Thank you,