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

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Dear whomever's reading

I've stayed on a rural family property on the south coast of NSW for the last 20 yrs; in this time I've have had much contact with animals in particular chickens (seeing as there's a shed in the back yard where they roost at night); chickens appreciate their freedom i.e. the ability to leave the shed, explore the back yard, dust bathe, run around and do their thing; it is exceedingly cruel to confine hens in battery cages; the practice should be banned/phased out immediately. The chickens I've interacted with over the yrs i.e. who roost in the shed behind my bedroom have laid many a nutritious egg so I don't see why egg production can't continue without confining hens in battery cages which tortures them.

Regards

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