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

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Hens should not be kept in battery cages. It is obvious that their physical and mental welfare is dramatically affected by being restricted to such a small space. They have no way of expressing normal behaviours such as dust bathing, pecking and scratching around and stretching their wings.

Most people in Australia do not approve of animal cruelty and are prepared to pay a little extra for their eggs in order to spare hens a life of misery in a battery cage. Battery cages must be phased out as soon as possible. They have no place in a society that cares about animal welfare.