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

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I support the phasing out of the use of cages in the production of eggs and poultry. I believe it is important to transition the industry away from cages, as battery production is inhumane. Alternative methods where hens are not restricted in their movements is preferred. Ideally hens should be free to roam, outdoors and free range with exposure to sunlight and fresh air as much as possible.

Lower density of hens should also be enforced to guarantee adequate space for their natural habits including foraging and allowing extension of their wings. A transition to less intensive stocking of hens can also mitigate environmental impacts and alleviate land use conflicts, such as the omission of odour and noises.