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

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To the Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to give my opinion on the use of battery cages for hens

This is of course a long running battle between the wishes of the voting public and the governments desire to quash any such public opinion.

It is an utter disgrace of course that in this day and age these hens are so confined they cannot even stretch their necks or wings, or move freely. Australia is backward in still allowing this practice, and all EU nations have stopped it. There is no way the hens are taken into account and they live short miserable lives of illness and pain.

The abundance of scientific literature on this topic has led the European Union Scientific Veterinary Commission, the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee of New Zealand, and the National Farm Animal Care Council of Canada to conclude that battery cages cannot meet the welfare needs of hens and must be phased out.

Many companies have acknowledged the dreadful and unnecessary suffering of battery hens and have committed to using or providing cage free eggs. It is about time that the NSW took note of the overwhelming scientific evidence and the will of the people and finally ban battery hens in cages forever.

Respectfully

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