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

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As a member of the Australian youth, I am passionate about animal welfare and strongly support the ban on cage-eggs. Many countries in Europe already have phased-out and banned cage-eggs. And these decisions are backed by scientific studies, which have shown the serious psychological and physical welfare effects this kind of housing has on these animals. The small size of cages prevents any natural behaviours, including scratching, dust-bathing, roosting and even stretching out their wings or walking. I myself own chicken rescued from the egg-laying industry and it has taken years for the evidential psychological and physical distress they endured to subside, including the regrowing of their feathers, reduced anxiety, roosting and nesting behaviours.

Please ensure our agricultural production reflects our country's values and moves forward in the field of animal welfare.