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

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BYE BYE BATTERY BRUTALITY.

I believe it is way beyond time to end the use of cages in chicken farming, not only in NSW but all Australia.

To have any creature locked up 24 hrs a day, without any room to move, stretch out and act in a humane nature is an absolute disgrace and must become illegal. I know that I am not alone on this matter. I would challenge anyone of sound mind to argue that hens in battery cages is anything but animal cruelty & torture - both physically and mentally.

In this day and age it is unbelievable that the phasing out of battery cages for hens in egg production is not a given. The cruelty imposed on hens in these conditions should no longer be acceptable to society, especially a supposedly advanced state / nation such as NSW / Australia. If battery cages is a matter of economically viable farming or greater profits for farmers then consumers of eggs should have to pay more to offset any economic losses due to phasing out of eggs produced in battery cages - a small price to pay for animal welfare in this industry at this point in time. Most consumers already are prepared to pay more for free range eggs and in fact do.

To me, battery caged hens is a form of slavery that today's society should no longer tolerate & they should (I am sure will) support you in your efforts to abolish. I, like many, many others give you full support in phasing out this despicable practice. This is such a small ask on your behalf for the millions of hens currently "living" under such conditions. For any creature, human or animal, it would be like living out your worst nightmare day after day until the premature end of your natural life. It is time that the people of NSW accepted / said bye bye to battery brutality.