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

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I am writing to express my will on action to ban the use of battery hens in New South Wales (and Australia wide too).

There are many reasons not to have hens kept in battery cages. Some of these are in the references that follow:

Chickens were only ever domesticated for one reason: to exploit them. All chickens used for meat and eggs are the result of centuries of violent domination and decades of invasive genetic manipulation that dooms even those lucky enough to be rescued to a lifetime of unnatural frailty and disease. This means that all eggs, even those from rescued hens, are the product of injustice. Since humans have no biological need to consume eggs, we can withdraw our support from this exploitative industry. It is up to you, our law makers, to act, to take a moral stance against the cruelty of the battery hen industry.

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Kind Regards,