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

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Hens should not be cruelly confined in battery cages. They are living beasts like you and me. They have feelings, they feel pain, sadness, fear, loneliness, heat and cold. It's inhumane and in this day and age there is no need for it. It just comes down to greed, there is no excuse for this. There are other alternatives. Imagine being cooped up in a small cage where you could never move your arms and legs. You are so bored you start tearing your skin off. You can't touch or look after your children. You are standing on cold metal bars all day. You never feel grass or sunshine. Imagine ... it is not nice is it? That is why this needs to stop. It's cruel, backward, unnecessary and breaks my heart and soul and that of my young daughter who just can't understand the cruelty that is inflicted on animals in this country. She asks me "Why can't you stop this mum?" and I say "It's up to the politicians and they don't care, the only way you can stop it is to become a politician, they have the power". And she says "Why are politicians so mean to the animals?". That says it all.