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

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I am a member of the community who is deeply concerned with the unnecessary cruelty inflicted on hens in battery cages. My sister has taken in rescue hens from the battery cage industry and their physical appearance and timid demeanour demonstrates how they have suffered. And then I have seen after some months how they thrive in sunlight, and with access to open space and the ability to have relationships within their group.

I refer you to a report prepared by Voiceless that outlines:

- \* Welfare concerns of battery cages, and the need for a phase out;
- \* Failure of current government regulations;
- \* International standards and progress in Australia;
- \* Comparison of egg farming: battery cage, barn-laid and free range; and
- \* Inherent cruelties in egg farming across all production systems – cage, barn-laid and free range.

<https://www.voiceless.org.au/unscrambled-hidden-truth-hen-welfare>

It outlines the concerns better than I can.

Thank you for your consideration and review.