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

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Dear Committee members,

I am not a supporter of battery cages.

It seems to me that such cages are extremely restrictive to the hens encaged and information I have received suggests they impact on the physical and emotional health of the hens.

I tend to think there has been an active push to eliminate battery cages in Australia and we should continue in that direction.

We are a wealthy nation and I believe it is our duty to show some direction in the treatment of animals otherwise how can we expect poorer countries to do so.

I appreciate that battery cages may have benefits to the industry but they are not inline with community expectations and natures expectations of how hens should live.

There is generally a higher cost to the consumer in purchasing free range etc. eggs but the additional cost is not prohibitive - in my view.

We are a nation built on the idea of a fair go. How about a fair go for our hens that do so much to produce breakfast and so many of our favourite foods - for us.

Where would we be without our bacon and eggs, scrambled eggs or hard boiled eggs.

Could any of us consider living in such a restrictive environment as a battery cage. It would be like living your life in a toilet.

I encourage you all to do the right thing by our hens. If they can push through an egg for you, you should be able to push through some better outcomes for them.

All the best.