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Experience the life of a battery hen

HUMAN cages will be set up on The Corso in Manly tomorrow to give people an idea of what life is like as a battery hen.

Animal activists Drew Fryer, Shane Dalgleish and Heather Blyth have taken six months off work to travel around Australia with the cages to highlight the cruelty of battery farming.

The three steel cages will travel around Sydney, Melbourne, South Australia, Tasmania and Perth.

While the trio have so far paid to create and transport the installation, they have received a \$20,000 grant from animal fund Voiceless and are being sponsored by the Vegetarian/Vegan Society for the venture.

"There are 10 million hens in Australia kept in cages," Mr Fryer said. "Each one is kept in an area equivalent to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an A4 sheet of paper. The hen cannot even move its wings. We are trying to convey that message."

Mr Fryer said the human cages would fit three to five people which gave them slightly more space than a battery hen.

"The three of us have all been activists," he said. "We decided to come at it from another angle to get the message across (as) waving placards and chanting does not always help in a lot of cases."

"People are drawn to it . . . we do not push the issue in their faces."

The cages were officially unveiled at Circular Quay on Thursday and will be in The Corso tomorrow from 10am to 4pm.