

Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009

I support the mandatory labelling of palm oil due to the effects it has on the environment and wildlife and therefore believe the public should be able to make informed choices on whether they support the farming of palm oil.

I believe the mass destruction of rainforests and amazing environments for products is insane. I would rather pay an extra 20% on all my groceries than see the heartless destruction of orang-utan families and ecosystems.

The price put on the palm oil is not worth the life of the most amazing creatures we have on this earth. Orang-utans share 97% of their DNA with humans. They feel, they hurt and they cry. Their sons and daughters are being slaughtered and it makes me sick they it is all due to politics and money.

The orang-utans do not have a voice. They need us. And if we don't help, they will no longer exist. One way we can reduce the farming of palm oil is by not supporting it. HOWEVER, I am unable to do this due to the labelling laws currently in Australia. I believe it is my RIGHT to make informed choices on the products I buy and therefore absolutely support this amendment.

My name is Kimberley Hamlyn. I am 19 years old and one day hope to be proud of my country for taking a stand for something I and so many others believe in.