

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

It is our right to know, and the moral duty of the government, to ensure the public knows EXACTLY what they are putting on or in their bodies, not only for health reasons but especially when the impact on the environment and wildlife, specifically orangutans, is so great. Palm oil and any other hidden ingredients/components need to be taken from under their general banner - vegetable oil in the case of palm oil - and clearly labelled. The destruction of rainforest for the purpose of palm oil production, most likely for cost effective reasons, is disgusting and to think the government takes an active part in allowing it to continue is unfathomable. Detailed labeling allows the consumer to not only monitor what they eat but the effect of production of the ingredients/components.

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