

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of the bill Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009. I strongly believe that Australians should be provided with sufficient information to allow them to make an informed decision when purchasing food.

It is disgusting that the majority of palm oil production is unsustainable – not only are we encouraging the massacre of Orang-utan's the perpetuation of poor living conditions for workers in South East Asia, we are turning a blind eye to it. This issue has been hidden for long enough and it is time for our leaders to mandate the provision of palm oil information on all food packaging.

Australia needs to take a leading stance in the argument for a sustainable world. This is just one step; however it is a step in the right direction. By mandating the provision of all palm oil information on food products, Australians can make an informed choice and will be able to influence the market to supply certified sustainable palm oil.

This is a really easy way to show that Australia is ready to walk the talk on sustainability and it is essential that we act immediately.

Regards,

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