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To Whom It May Concern

I am making a submission in support of the Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

The survival of as many species on this planet as possible is of utmost importance to the diversity and richness of the world we live in. I completely support the introduction of mandatory labelling of palm oil products in Australia. I have travelled extensively through mainland Malaysia and have witnessed first hand the utter and dreadful destruction on old growth forests, the home for the Orang-utan. Not only are we standing by watching our neighbours depleting the earths 'lungs' at an alarming rate, we are also allowing the orang-utans home to be completely removed off the map which will eventually lead to yet another extinction of another amazing species. I don't want my children and my children's children to only know about the world we 'once' lived in through stories and 3D television.

Please pass this important bill through, and allow all Australians the right to deny or allow the use of palm oil through our own informed purchases of products that use it.

Unfortunately I will be unable to be able to give evidence to a Senate Committee hearing in Canberra in relation to this issue.

Thank you and kind regards
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