

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to express my support of the bill called *Truth in Labeling- Palm Oil*. As consumers, it is important that we have access to information about the food we choose to buy. We have the right to not purchase a product because of any particular ingredient it contains and so it is necessary that all ingredients, like palm oil, are clearly labeled.

The palm oil that is in much of our supermarket foods and is falsely labeled as vegetable oil is produced in a way that is severely damaging the environment of South East Asia and pushing the orangutan to extinction. As an Australian consumer, I have the right to not buy products that contain palm oil as a way of being unsupportive the method it is produced by.

It should be the law that all products containing palm oil clearly state it in the ingredients list so that all Australians have the opportunity to make the choice to avoid the product.

Products made with 'Certified Sustainable Palm Oil' should also be clearly labeled, so that those brands of products can be recognized and favoured.

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