

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

Dear Sir/Madam

I am emailing regarding the proposed amendment to the Food Standards Bill (2009). Habitat destruction is the primary cause of diminishing Orang-utan population in Indonesia. Habitat fragmentation is the primary cause of faunal extinction due to the trappings of 'inbreeding depression' among smaller populations. I believe that if consumers are given an opportunity to make informed decisions, they would opt for a more sustainable option. Australia is the largest importer of crude palm oil to use it in various consumables, as you may already know. Therefore, it is our duty to conserve the rainforests of Borneo to not only give Orang-utans a chance at survival but also allow for further taxonomic discoveries in the lush tropical forests of Indonesia.

Yours sincerely,

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