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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to the Food Standards Amendment bill (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

As a wildlife veterinarian and member of Australian society **I support the mandatory labelling of palm oil**.

By purchasing palm oil from irresponsible producers our actions are significantly and permanently affecting the future and wellbeing of innumerable plants, animals (including humans) and ecosystems. As such, it is our right and responsibility to be fully informed as to the origin of the palm oil we purchase.

Sincerely,

Paul Ramos, BVSc (hons)