

## SUBMISSION

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

I support Senator Nick Xenophon's Private Members Bill calling for mandatory labelling of products containing palm oil.

As a concerned citizen, I am shocked to learn I have been purchasing products labelled as containing 'vegetable oil' and in doing so I have been condemning to death the Orang-utans of Borneo and contributing to their potential extinction.

At the same time, I recognise that the people of Borneo need to make a living and it seems very certain that palm oil is a product cheaply purchased, leading to their need to destroy more of the forests to clear the land for more palms.

For both these reasons, palm oil must be controlled, made sustainable and purchased at a fair price. Labelling is the first step towards creating a fair trade and protecting what remains of the Orang-utans and their habitat.

I urge the Senate to ensure this Bill becomes law.

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