

To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my concern regarding the current lack of mandatory labeling of foods containing PALM OIL sold in Australia.

The name of the bill is: Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labeling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009

The harvesting and cultivating of palm oil overseas is, in the vast majority, a VERY unsustainable and environmentally destructive process.

The areas cleared for palm oil production are most often prime Orangutan habitat and extremely vulnerable. These areas of natural habitat are being destroyed at an alarming rate!

I find it extremely disappointing that Australia would support this kind of blatant destruction and I most certainly WANT THE CHOICE to not support the Palm oil industry.

If I can not make an informed decision when I purchase products at the supermarket then my CHOICE TO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS IS TAKEN AWAY FROM ME.

PALM OIL LABELING NEEDS TO BE MANDATORY.

I look forward to the outcome regarding this issue with high hopes.

I strongly support Zoo's Victoria's "DON'T PALM US OFF" campaign.

see:

<http://www.zoo.org.au/palmoil>

or

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRQWj4H9nH0>

Regards

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