

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email as a submission on the Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling - Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

I am only 19 years old and have just began University and studying Occupational Therapy.

I have not signed such a petition or sent a submission in like this before, nor am I involved in any community groups of such that are involved in these sorts of things. However, once I became aware of what this small ingredient - Palm Oil - is doing to our natural environment, animal's natural habitat, orangutan's and tiger's habitat and food, I was disgusted.

I am writing this submission not only individually but as a spokesperson for my friends my age too.

Something has to be done about this. We have the absolute right to know the ingredients in food we are buying and if they are harming animal's, our natural environment and animal's natural habitat.

Why the public was not made aware of this earlier by such means of media, I do not know. Not only should we be made aware of what products Palm Oil is in, and also what fast food outlets and small hospitality businesses use Palm Oil in the making of their products, we believe the next step should be to wipe out the use of Palm Oil altogether.

I do not wish to, and would not like to appear to give evidence before a Senate Committee hearing in Canberra on this matter.