

Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil Bill 2009

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my complete support for Truth in labelling- Palm Oil Bill 2009.

For the past 20 years I have worked in the zoological Industry. I have focused my energies on orang-utans, and spent the past 15 years going backwards and forwards to Indonesia in an attempt to assist this amazing species.

I have witnessed first hand the magnitude of devastation Oil Palm plantations have caused Indonesia, its people and wildlife.

I understand the need for development, but the cost of what is happening now is too great. I do not want to contribute to the loss of Indonesia's biodiversity.

I WANT THE CHOICE.

Each time I fly into Indonesia I witness km after km of cleared land. This land has been cleared and left barren. These are the areas which can be used for the Oil Palm plantations not the forest. Sustainable Palm oil is possible but we need to drive the market. Unless Palm Oil is labelled this will never happen.

At the moment I am contributing to the extinction of a species I love, a species so similar to us they have emotions, self recognition and finger prints. I urge you to vote in favour of this Bill. Give us a basic human right, the choice.

I wish to confirm that I would like the secretariat to consider my email to be a submission and made public including publishing on the web etc.

Yours sincerely,
Fleur Butcher