

I am writing to show my support for the Food Standards Amendment ("Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil") Bill 2009.

*I support the mandatory labelling of palm oil because as a consumer, I have a right to know what ingredients are in the products that I purchase. Also, as a conservationist, I am concerned about the current link between palm oil production and rampant deforestation in South East Asia. The mandatory labelling of palm oil would facilitate consumer awareness and education on this issue which in turn could stimulate a market for certified sustainable palm oil.*

*The United Nations declared 2010 to be the International Year of Biodiversity. I want action from the government that supports the protection of biodiversity. Passing the above mentioned Bill in 2010 would reflect Australia's commitment to the United Nations spirit of International cooperation.*

Kind regards,

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