

This email concerns the following Bill: Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling - Palm Oil) Bill 2009

I wholeheartedly support the proposal to ensure that Palm Oil is accurately labelled as an ingredient in products for sale to consumers. The Palm oil industry is of great concern to me, as it threatens invaluable and irreplaceable rainforest habitat in Indonesia, Malaysia and elsewhere. A number of species are endangered by the actions of the palm oil industry. Perhaps of most concern is the threat posed to the world's remaining populations of wild orang-utan, a species which is on the brink of extinction and whose future is made ever more uncertain by the replacement of its remaining habitat with oil palm plantations. A host of other species are known to be threatened by this reduction in habitat.

Labelling of palm oil as an ingredient will allow those of us who are worried about the impacts this industry is having on one of the world's biodiversity hotspots to take direct and personal action, in altering our consumption behaviour. I urge parliament to pass this bill.

The above comment should be considered as a submission. I recognise that this submission will be in the public sphere, and I consent to this submission being made public, including publishing on websites.

Regards,

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