

To whom it may concern,

My name is Emily Lake and I am a 22 year old students from Canberra and I would like to make a submission to the Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labeling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009

I support this bill for many reasons, both personal and professional. I have traveled to the forests of Borneo and seen Orangutans and other primates in the wild and I hope that my children will be able to do the same but I fear that unless something is done about the irresponsible and currently unsustainable production of palm oil, future generations will not know of these gentle giants of the forest...

Furthermore I am a trainee zookeeper and have a bachelor degree in animal science so I understand the biological and environmental consequences for the entire ecosystem if this unsustainable farming practice continues.

I believe the everyday consumer is smarter than the food labeling and food manufacturing industries give them credit for and should have the right to choose what they are consuming and who they support in the process and I for one would like to be able to choose products on the basis of their ingredients and where they were sourced.

I would also be happy to contribute further to the public submissions process.

Yours Sincerely,

Emily Lake