

I would like to express my support for the Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labeling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

As a professional working with wild animals I am acutely aware of the threats to wildlife and how our every day decisions make an impact.

The labeling of palm oil falls into a legislative black hole. No Australian Minister is responsible for our actions that create problems in foreign nation and the labeling legislation is focused on human health risks, which may or may not be significant for palm oil, hence they will not willingly accept this responsibility. It is only through the progress of this bill that the issue can be addressed.

The public support for the labeling of palm oil is demonstrated, we are good people that want to take the right decision, no matter how small or seemingly inconsequential. Without labeling we are powerless to make the choice.

Regards

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