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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009

I am writing to express my support of the *Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009*.

My interest in this issue is as a consumer and as a member of the Australian public.

As a consumer I aim to make ethically based choices in regard to what I eat, wear, accumulate, how I travel and so on. If the *Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009* were passed, it would increase my ability to make informed choices in regard to my food consumption.

As a member of the Australian public I feel that I have responsibilities in regard my impact on the society that I live in. Further, I believe that our society has responsibilities in regard to its impact on the world that supports it. Australians are large consumers in general; because of our large consumption of products and resources I believe that the passing of the *Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2009* would enable us as a society to make a significant reduction in our negative impact on orangutan habitats in Malaysia and Indonesia. Providing consumers with the choice of “Certified Sustainable” palm oil shouldn’t destroy the livelihoods of the people involved in providing Australians (and New Zealanders) with palm oil products but should make sure that industrial practices are sustainable.

Regards,

Jade Forrester

N.B. I consent for my submission to be made public however I consider that my contact details (postal and email addresses) are private and I do not consent to them being released.