

I would like to make a submission on the Food standards Amendment (Truth In Labelling - Palm Oil) Bill 2009.

Palm oil is not a bad product, but is currently manufactured unsustainably.

I support the mandatory labeling of palm oil. I support the conservation of threatened species such as orang utans and Sumatran tigers. Current unsustainable palm oil plantations are destroying the habitat of these animals. The unsustainable plantation industry also destroys forests that absorb carbon and help protect the world from climate change.

The current food labeling standards in Australia do not allow me to exercise my right to choose what I buy. The law allows manufacturers to mislead consumers. They need to be changed, particularly in respect to palm oil as an ingredient.

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