

I wish to make a submission regarding the Food Standards Amendment

(Truth in Labelling-Palm Oil) Bill 2009 [introduced by Senators Xenophon, Bob Brown and Joyce].

I strongly support the mandatory labelling of palm oil for the following reasons:-

- 1) The negative impact on the habitat of orangutans as more and more rainforest is cleared to make way for palm oil plantations in Sumatra and Borneo.
- 2) Sustainable palm oil can be produced without further destruction of rainforest habitat, and manufacturers should be encouraged to use this ' Certified Sustainable Palm Oil'.
- 3) Consumers have the right to know that the products that they are purchasing contain palm oil- this should not be labelled simply as vegetable oil.
- 4) Once palm oil is labelled correctly on all products, consumers will be able to choose to purchase products which contain certified sustainable palm oil.

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